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Welcome to the November edition of your Gazette!

2018 is slowly drawing to a close, leaving us wondering what will be on the agenda for 2019 - the world is a rapidly changing place, constantly in flux, so your guess is as good as ours! All we know is that the Isle of Purbeck remains a wonderful, safe, friendly and beautiful place in which to reside, with a flourishing, helpful, open community inhabiting this inspiring landscape.

Our wish for next year is for our community to remain standing strong, come what may and irrespective of what occurs in the world around us. We continue to be open to welcoming refugees from various war-torn countries, our community groups and organisations continue to work hard on behalf of others; raising money for those hit by climate change and natural disaster, being there to help those less able in our community and offering assistance where needed in a wide variety of ways.

This is what makes us Purbeckian - proud, strong and unwavering in the face of adversity. You are our community and come what may, we hope that the remainder of 2018 is good to you and yours, leading to a positive and hopeful 2019.

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04-Nov		00:29	06:04	12:58	18:42		07:04	16:38
05-Nov		01:18	06:56	13:45	19:29		07:05	16:36
06-Nov		02:04	07:41	14:28	20:10		07:07	16:35
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20-Nov		01:01	06:24	13:28	18:49		07:30	16:15
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Swanage Town Council Meetings - November 2018

Planning & Consultation Committee	Mon 5th	6.30pm
Policy, Finance & Performance	Wed 7th	2.30pm
General Operations Committee	Wed 14th	4.30pm
Tourism Committee	Wed 21st	10am
Council	Mon 26th	7pm
Transport Committee	Wed 28th	2.15pm

Wareham Town Council Meetings - November 2018

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Thur 8th	7pm
Amenities	Wed 14th	7pm
Planning & Transport	Mon 19th	6.30pm
Policy, Resources & Finance	Tue 20th	7pm
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Council	Tue 13th	7pm
Policy Group	Wed 21st	7pm
Planning Committee	Wed 28th	9.15am

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Valley to Chapman's Pool, by Jason Selman

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Brexit Bleatings

Dear Gazette Readership,

I am writing to commend Richard ('Misguided Bleatings') for his insightful contribution to the on-going Brexit debate. We need more people like Richard (and his fiction writer chum Frederick Forsyth) sharing their thoughts because I for one am sick of hearing from these so-called-experts.

I mean, what is every living former Prime Minister going to know about the merits of extricating ourselves from the largest trading block in the world? And what about the opinions of almost every economist and person who works in the exports business? They can jog on - I'll be getting my information from opinion-confirming memes shared on Facebook, thank you very much.

In fact, I'm so tired of hearing from people who actually know what they are talking about, that next time our doctor tries to prescribe some clinically-proven treatment for our children, I'll be telling him to shove his five years at medical school and heading straight for our local Faragian homeopathy clinic (at least the water might remember when we once had clout on the geopolitical stage).

Richard is also correct when he says that we need to ditch Prime Minister May for a Brextremist such as Jacob Rees Mogg. I mean, who doesn't want to live in a country where the leader still has his Nanny at the tender age of forty-nine?

Yours, looking forward to the gruel (I think the middle classes call it polenta now), Andy (from the metropolitan elite suburbs of Swanage), by email.

Fact Or Fiction?

Dear Editor,

Richard Ingall (letters, October Gazette) and the other Brexit fantasists are in for a disappointment if they think they are going to silence me from speaking out about the impending disaster that is facing this country and why it should be stopped.

Mr Ingall quotes a letter from Frederick Forsyth to the Daily Telegraph, a newspaper which in recent years has become almost as potty as the Daily Mail and Daily Express in the way it vilifies our European friends and natural allies. Perhaps it is hardly surprising that sales of the newspaper to a largely ageing readership have fallen.

Frederick Forsyth is a prolific writer of fiction and seems to have confused this with the stark reality that is facing Britain. There is little comparison between general election results and the result of the flawed 2016 referendum. While Forsyth is correct to point out that general election results are seldom challenged, and a new government takes over almost immediately, the whole point is it is now two years and three months since the referendum and there is no agreed position by the party in government.

In fact, the government and Conservative Party have made a complete mess of the Brexit process because they have never been able to agree on what Brexit actually means. It is a continuation of the war that has been going on in the Tory party for decades and which now threatens our economy, jobs, living standards, health care, security and foreign travel. The Conservatives are no longer fit for purpose, let alone government.

Forsyth is also wrong when he states that the wishes of the electorate have not changed. Recent polls show a shift towards remain as more people start to appreciate the very real dangers of a no deal scenario. There is also evidence that at least some of the 28% of the electorate who did not vote in 2016 would do so now.

Even more important are the 1.5 million new voters (by the time the UK is supposed to leave the EU next March) and it is vital they have a say because they are the future generation and will have to live with the consequences

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longer. Even now the so-called European (not much?) Research Group led by the high priest of Brexit, Jacob Rees-Mogg, still has no credible plan and their Brexit concept seems to be descending into something akin to a strange religious cult, which the believers still adhere to regardless of all the contrary evidence.

Hopefully, the arch Brexit buffoon, Boris Johnson, will do as much damage to their cause by his regular vituperative twaddle-strewn rants in the Telegraph (for which he is paid an exorbitant amount) as he did to our overseas relations as foreign secretary.

Yours sincerely, David Leadbetter, Prospect Crescent, Swanage.

Keep Calm And Brexit On!

Dear Editor

Don't panicbut

The Brexit debate rages on and on. It is important to listen to people's lived experiences, but there are much wider implications than whether Lidl and Aldi supermarkets will thrive or whether package holidays will remain cheap and easy to organise. Time to take the blinkers off and look at what is really happening. The information is out there. This is just a flavour.

Currently 11,000 doctors in England are EU27 Nationals. 20,000 nurses are EU27 Nationals and 100,000 social care workers. In 2017 the Royal College of Nursing reported a 92% drop in EU27 nurses applying for registration in England. Staff are leaving, and posts remain unfilled.

Between 2007-2013, the UK received 8.8 billion in research funding from the EU research framework programme. Funding from the EU will no longer be available. Currently 80% of UK international research publications include authors from the EU. Science is truly an international and collaborative endeavour.

The Government's own impact assessments suggest that the UK will be vulnerable to energy supply shortages in the event of extreme weather. The energy industry relies on EU27 workers, particularly engineers. Those who can afford it, take energy for granted. There is a real danger that we will no longer be able to do so.

Back to holidays. The single European market in aviation has bought us cheap flights, trade and jobs, but that legal framework will disappear with Brexit. 85% of international flights are governed by EU wide agreements, including flights to North America.

All of the above can be sorted out after years of renegotiation, billions of pounds spent and new layers of bureaucracy. If we are lucky in the years to come, we might get back to square one. It will take years to educate and train people to fill the jobs that are being lost and, in the meantime, our bright young people will no longer have freedom of movement to study and work abroad, bringing back their knowledge and skills.

Research on the impact of Brexit has been published now and it is easy to find. I could go on and on, and some may say I have. But my last point is about the United Kingdom. We are four nations, and two of those nations voted overwhelmingly to remain. A badly designed and run referendum is jeopardising the unity of this country.

Gill Calvin Thomas, Chair, Isle of Purbeck and Swanage Liberal Democrats

Millionaires Won't Suffer

Dear Editor,

In reply to the Deputy Chair of the South West Conservatives (letters, Sept 2018), I think most people will see through your hollow claims of success.

Only since April 2018 has wage growth started to climb above inflation (ONS), and then only slightly. And that's after eight years of Tory government and austerity, and ten years after the global financial crisis. For most of that period, wages have lagged behind inflation, so today's average rates of pay are still lower than pre-2008.



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Fri	30th	8pm - Cam Penner and Jon Wood

Of course, the picture is very different for high wage earners, for whom the Tories cut income tax, despite saying we're all in it together. Pay for CEOs is rising six times faster than for the average worker.

Yes, levels of employment are high but, as numerous sources have confirmed, many of these jobs are insecure: zero hours contracts, temporary and part-time work, bogus self-employed status, etc. The country now has a record number of job vacancies, which is probably a result of Brexit, and as a result the number of companies considering relocating abroad is growing.

The Brexiteers are always keen to cry "Project Fear", as if that's a valid argument for ignoring the advice and evidence of real experts. Two years on, we're still nowhere near an agreement with the EU and we still have no idea what impact Brexit will eventually have on our economy and society, but the signs aren't encouraging.

If the latest predictions are correct, and food and fuel prices go up by 30%, at least we can be sure that the millionaires Cameron, Johnson and Rees-Mogg won't suffer.

M Pollard, Wareham, by email

Policies Begin At Home

Dear Purbeck Gazette,

I would like to tell Mrs J Jones (September issue) that the UK does make its own policies for justice and human rights.

For example, the Race Relations Act 1968 made it illegal to discriminate on ground of nationality as well as race. That law is now part of the Equality Act 2010. Ernest Davies signed the European Convention on Human Rights, at the Council of Europe, in Paris, on 28 November 1950. European Union membership means cooperation between judicial authorities, amongst other things. Please see "Justice and home affairs" on europa.eu.

By "Eurocrats" Mrs Jones probably meant the European Commission. Its independence is crucial to its role. Proposals put forward by the Commission must be approved by government ministers, and in most cases, by elected citizens. The European Union is us. We are major players.

Next, Mrs Jones mentioned trade. But trade is not a fundamental value of the European Union. The EU is a peace movement. That why the European Parliament spends so much time talking about values issues. Trade comes from "the willingness to live together", as Esteban González Pons MEP told the European Parliament, on 25 March 2017.

The reason that Canada, for example, is interested in making trade policy with the European Union is because the EU single market is the largest economic bloc in the world. The EU countries together have far more clout, than any on its own.

"I believe that, rather than being an impediment to Britain being global, the European Union is the only way for it as a European country, and one of a number of former imperial powers, to have any influence in a world where it represents barely one percent of the population. In the 21st century, more than ever, size matters", said Philippe Lamberts MEP on 3 October 2017 (tinyurl.com/y97z6e5k).

The EU Rapid Alert system (RAPEX) tells EU countries about dangerous imports. For example, as soon as one country sees children's toys such as rubber ducks that don't meet safety standards, then all know. Sanctions work better together. For example, in the EU single market it is illegal to handle gold from North Korea's banks, or to lease ships, or aircraft, to North Korea. EU sanctions are agreed by government ministers. Please see sanctionsmap.eu.

Yes, there are quirks. Did you know that EU regulations mean that UK

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minced beef has been sold clean enough to be eaten raw? Because some member countries do that, even though it is not usual here. Another example is that UK produce may be sold in the rest of the world as EU produce, diminishing the British "brand". These points are in the Balance of Competences Review, produced by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

There are EU contributions to science, environment, nature, security, culture and other things. There is little doubt in my mind that EU membership is a good thing: making opportunities, reducing red tape, and improving standards.

Please see "Customs", "Internal market", "Competition", "Trade" and "What does the EU mean for us: Shoppers and consumers" from the EU Publications Office (bookshop.europa.eu) and "Understanding the European Union" by John McCormick.

Regards, Phil Jones, Member, European Movement UK, by email

Debt Crisis

Dear Editor,

How strange that Dorset MPs have failed to grasp the nettle over the crisis that has beset many of their constituents on low or fixed incomes. Outstanding household debt stands just short of £1.6 trillion, 13% higher than its peak in the third quarter of 2008 when we had the global financial crash.

Yet none of these MPs have lifted a finger publicly to champion those who are struggling to keep pace with their council tax increases, fuel and grocery bills. Wage stagnation, under-employment and insecure work is hammered home even further by cuts to the social safety net which has seen a £14 billion reduction effecting eight million low income families. Many living in Purbeck.

The increasing debt burden amongst those on low or fixed incomes is the biggest wage squeeze since the Napoleonic wars, with inflation outstripping earnings for seven consecutive years in a row. Wages have declined by eight percent between 2007 and 2014. So, Labour, the Con-Dems and today's Conservatives are all responsible for causing so much anxiety and stress amongst local families.

The rapid growth in self-employment since 2008 has seen almost half of the self-employed being paid below the national minimum wage, resulting in the lowest level of earnings since 1995, with one in four working adults in the UK being unable to afford an unexpected £500 bill. The OBR's revised economic forecast, released in 2017, shows real earnings failing to recover their pre-crisis peak even by 2022.

The government must step in and relax the squeeze on welfare benefits, reinstate the grants taken from local authorities and curb the use of bailiffs to persecute people going through a rough patch due to circumstances beyond their control.

If we continue to plough on regardless with decision making being so harsh as to be cruel to some people, don't be surprised if mass disobedience emerges as the last resort!

I remain Editor, yours sincerely, Mike Fry.

Who Decides Targets?

Dear Readers,

Central Government Dictates Housing Targets

Who decides housing targets for Purbeck? It used to be your local elected councillors, although they were held on tight reins by the government's Planning Inspectors. This government has decided to remove even that slight liberty and impose targets via a simple formula.

The government's logic is clear. Houses are expensive in England and if we build more, prices might fall and make them more accessible. Headline-grabbing claims of building 300,000 houses per year may sound good to those struggling with housing costs, but big totals divert attention from

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how the policies are implemented and whether they are justifiable at local level. Simply mandating more homes, without considering who really needs them, how much they should cost, where they should be built and what the consequences are, does not necessarily do the job.

Councils are forced to allocate land for all the target houses in the hope that developers will build them. Councils (not developers) are held to account by a "Housing Delivery Test". If a council fails to reach 75% of the target rate, speculative developments outside the Local Plan pretty well have to be approved, even when enough suitable land is already allocated. The huge cost and effort in planning, public engagement, and examination of a Local Plan is then wasted.

This is an extremely bad policy because councils have no authority over developers who may decide not to build as many houses as expected. Some developers will actually have an incentive to see councils fail the test simply in order to promote their preferred sites.

Worse still, the government's formula is simplistic and over-estimates housing need in some areas. Since developers will not build houses faster than they can sell them, where a target is unrealistically high, a council is very likely to fail the test through no fault of its own. Absurdly, the door is then opened for developers to propose sites outside a Local Plan even when there is no actual need. A cynic would say this is just a cunning way of creating a development free-for-all; set the bar too high and watch councils fail to clear it.

In Purbeck, the government's target is a minimum of 168 new houses per annum for the next decade. There are reasons to believe that this is an over-estimate, so whether the council will be able to meet the 75% test, and avoid the consequences, remains to be seen.

Whatever the outcome, the government's current policies desperately need improving. If you care about rational planning, accountable locally, let your MP know that these policies must change, and that they will be in your mind at the next general election.

Regards, Andrew Langley, by email

Thank You A&E

Dear Editor,

Recently while driving to visit my parents in Swanage, my wife had serious abdominal pains on the last leg of the journey and we drove to A&E in Poole. We received tremendous service while there, both prompt and kind.

Later on, we heard on arrival in Swanage that the A&E facility in Poole is being considered for closure. I sincerely hope for the sake of both residents and visitors that this plan does not go ahead.

Guy Pembroke, Edinbrough, by email

Tsunami Support

Dear Gazette,

I would like to express my sincere thanks on behalf of The Swanage and Purbeck Rotary Club for the public's very generous support for our collection for the recent Indonesian Earthquake/Tsunami disaster, on October 3rd and 4th in Swanage.

Thanks to the response from the public we have now sent a cheque to ShelterBox for £1,500.00.

I have had it confirmed that ShelterBox are already working in the areas most affected to provide tents, water purification facilities, cooking equipment etc to those in most need.

They are also working in co-operation with other Disaster Emergency Organisations to mitigate the effects of this tragic event.

Yours sincerely, David Chalcraft - Chair International & Foundation Committee - Swanage and Purbeck Rotary Club, by email.

Need A Friend?

Dear Readers,

Nights are drawing in now; it can be cold, damp and dispiriting. Especially so if you live alone and go home to an empty house – or it is a struggle to get out at the best of times because of illness or reduced mobility?

There are a lot of people for whom the winter is especially challenging. But their mood can be lifted by human contact – by someone they can rely on to look in, just for an hour or so each week.

Link Visiting is on the lookout for more people to join us in offering this support to older, isolated people in Swanage and the surrounding area. We match people according to interests or some other common point and real friendships develop that enrich both parties in the relationship. It really is not a chore!

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Please give it some thought.

Alan Dominy, Link Visiting Swanage, 21 Commercial Road, Swanage.

P.S. We also run a Place of Welcome drop-in from 10am-12 noon on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 21 Commercial Road (near Chococo) where there is a free drink and conversation for those who live alone.

Musical Celebrations

Dear Editor,

We have much cause to celebrate living in the beautiful Isle of Purbeck, and a particular reason for celebrating the achievements of some extremely talented young local musicians.

Following highly competitive auditions, Sally Aiko Dando has been selected as the Leader of the Wessex Youth Orchestra, Lola Araujo Brown as principal clarinet, Lydia Bennett as principal bassoon, Amelia Seaman as Principal 2nd violin and Reuben Bennett as 3rd trumpet.

On a national level, Miro Vosper has been selected for the National Youth Training Choir of Great Britain while Lydia was a member of the 2017/18 National Youth Orchestra and hopes to continue with the orchestra this year.

On behalf of the Purbeck Instrument Loan Scheme, I would like to offer congratulations to all these fine young musicians.

Jay Buckle (Chair, PILS)

Techno-Good

Dear Gazette,

Bullied by Technology

I had a pleasant walk along the shore and stopped at a local shoreline cafe for a coffee and sandwich. They had a £10 offer of carrot soup and sandwich on. I have 800gm of carrot and two portions of my own soup. I could not have a sandwich without the soup because the till didn't have the separate sandwich on it.

I didn't want to pay over £10 for a sandwich and coffee and left. I do not like being bullied by a till.

Regards, D.W. Swanage (details withheld on request).

A Sad Farewell

Dear Gazette,

Kingston Country Fair 2018

This year's Fair – the 5th year of fundraising for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance – which took place over the first weekend in July, raised over

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£10,000, bringing the total amount donated to DSAA over the five years to the staggering sum of over £30,000!

Sadly, like many other events within our community, this year we struggled to find enough "able bodied" volunteers to ensure that the fair ran smoothly and therefore - after very careful consideration - the Planning Group have taken the decision not to run the fair in 2019.

We would like to thank our extremely generous sponsors (many of whom have supported the fair since it first started) as well as those many members from the community who, over the years, have given their time and skills to make the fair a success.

Deirdre Selwyn (on behalf of the KCF Planning group).

Well Done Ricky!

Dear Readers,

Let us celebrate the fact that Ricky Lucas owns the King's Arms in Langton Matravers and has worked so hard to make it into a true community centre where people of all ages (and visitors!) can enjoy themselves in good company, with a great variety of good food and drinks at reasonable price.

All the staff are friendly and hospitable and I think we're really lucky to have a 'proper village pub' when so many elsewhere are forced to close down.

Both Ricky and the pub (an historic building in its own right) deserve our support and I wish Ricky and his friends the best of luck for the future.

Yours, An appreciative regular, Langton Matravers, by hand.

A Scintillating Read

Dear Nico and the Gazette team,

Although currently living on the 'wrong side' of the Purbeck divide, mum and I are both Swanage born and raised, owing so much to Mount Scar School for our good grounding in education.

We visit the town on a regular basis throughout the year to do our weekly shopping, visit friends and keep a watch on local events - sometimes it seems like we never moved away!

A monthly highlight of these visits has been when we collect our copy of 'the Gazette', always a scintillating read, with its finger firmly on the pulse of our favourite seaside location.

However, this month has been extra special! Having treated ourselves to a year's subscription, our October Gazette arrived by post, with the issue in pristine condition, packaged in a sturdy A4 envelope, adorned with the most impressively neat and stylish handwriting!

This first-class subscription service can be thoroughly recommended and is a great way to support the paper that supports Purbeck!

Many thanks and best wishes, yours sincerely, Graham Smith, by post.

Library Book Sale

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of Friends of Swanage Library to thank all the people who supported our Macmillan Coffee morning. Thanks to your generosity we raised £188.72p for this wonderful cause.

Our next event will be a giant book sale on November 7th at 2pm. Thank you to those people who have already generously donated their unwanted books.

If anyone else is having a pre-Christmas (sorry to mention that word already!) clear out, we are happy to take any unwanted books off your hands. Simply drop them off at the library: we are looking for books that are less than five years old and in good condition.

Lastly, why not take a look at the Friends of Swanage Library Facebook

page for news of future events at the library?

Many thanks, Jude Evans, Chair Friends of Swanage Library

Awaiting Ferry Decision

Dear Readers,

The hearing into the ferry's request for increased toll charges is over. We now await the inspector's report to be presented to the Secretary of State for a final decision.

Following the previous two applications by the ferry company in 2009 and 2014, both of which were approved despite local opposition, this 2018 presentation generated united condemnation. The hearing lasted a full two days, a record. The objectors were both professional and consistent in finding common reasons to object and I am sure the inspector was left in no doubt that not only local opposition was united but that the company had failed to put a reasonable case. So much so that at the very last moment of the hearing the company attempted to hand in an amended schedule delaying the toll increases.

There remains a major problem however. The inspector is only able to operate within closely defined parameters, so he will only judge whether the price increases are justified or not. He is unable to address the fundamental problem surrounding the running of the ferry company.

The ferry was acquired by George Kean in the 1960s when it was badly run down. He turned it around by refurbishing the roads, slipways, buildings and bringing in a modern ferry. Profits were reinvested and today we see the benefits with a very efficient service. I believe Mr Kean was a gentleman and a benefactor and until around the early 2000s, the company seemed to be run fairly for both users and the company. Mr Kean was born in 1925 and naturally began to take a lesser roll and handed over to his son Michael Kean.

At this point fundamental changes took place. Michael Kean seems to be no benefactor, rather he seems to be an autocrat. The company, the directors, the owners are basically one man - Michael Kean. He seems to have placed dividends as the main focal point and has sought at the last three reviews to increase the size of these dividends astronomically by claiming to need funds to replace the current ferry.

The purchase of a new ferry that has a life of at least thirty years should be financed by long term loans spreading the burden, not by short term

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raising of toll charges. The ferry company is a gold mine and users are contributing about 30% to Michael Kean's pocket for every journey they make. Current dividends taken are £750,000 pa.

The company must change its direction. Some solutions = nationalisation, a popular embargo, or some method of making the company realise it needs to change its ways.

Roger Tipple, Swanage.

When in Rome...

Dear Readers,

Babingtons Tea Rooms in Rome has in 2018 celebrated one hundred and twenty-five years of serving English Tea and English Breakfast every day, apart from a few days when the Allies entered Rome during the Second World War.

What has this to do with Purbeck? The hard-working employees of B. Fayle and Co at Norden and Newton ball clay pits, created a wealth for the Directors – Charlotte Fayle and Stephen Peile Babington. Some of the family names will be still familiar to Purbeck residents – the Cattles, Churchills, Frys, Greens, Harris, Parkers, Stockleys, Whites, and many more.

When these two Directors died they left their estates to their nieces and nephews. One of them – Anna Maria Babington (Benjamin Fayle's great granddaughter) travelled with a New Zealand friend - Isabel Cargill, throughout Europe and ended up in Rome in 1892.

They arrived in the English-speaking section at the foot of the Spanish Steps. There they found they could buy English Newspapers but were unable to get a cup of tea. They saw an opportunity and grabbed it and opened "Babingtons Tea Rooms".

Descendants of Isabel still run the tea rooms. When filming "Cleopatra", Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor discovered the luxury of a cream tea in Rome. Not only has tea been served for 125 years, but English breakfasts as well. Opposite the tea rooms is Keats/Shelly's House, so "When in Rome do as the English do, take tea at Babington's."

<https://www.babingtons.com/en>

Regards, John Rowley, by email

Friends Support Staff

Dear Readers,

I would like to thank all those who attended the AGM of the Friends of Wareham Hospital held in September.

At such a difficult time for the hospital following the Dorset CCG Clinical Services Review, we were delighted to welcome so many people to the meeting including, unexpectedly, the Chief Executive of Dorset HealthCare, Ron Shields.

Mr Shields listened to concerns raised, particularly the impending closure of the sixteen in-patient beds. He explained that due to a recent fall in local staffing levels, the beds may need to close earlier than expected in order to ensure safe service delivery. He went on to highlight the positive opportunities of a Community Hub for Purbeck.

As Friends of the hospital we took the extremely difficult decision some time ago to support the development of the community hub and not actively fight the closure of beds.

The Friends will therefore continue to support the staff of Wareham Hospital whilst also supporting community services and the Hub development in Purbeck.

We believe the Hub creates an exciting opportunity for Wareham and the wider Purbeck community by offering employment, and the provision and extension of a range of community services to support our health and social care needs in the future.

We would welcome new members to the Friends - please contact us at: friendsofwarehamhospital@gmail.com or call 01929 552433

Thank you, Maggie Hardy, Chair, Friends of Wareham Hospital.

Wareham's Floral Delights

To the Editor,

I have recently moved to Wareham and walking through the town I get so much pleasure from the wonderful floral displays in all the streets.

I regularly see people watering and deadheading the plants. Often it is younger residents and it is so nice to see them interested in the appearance of their town.

Everyone involved deserves the Gold Medals awarded for the displays and I wish Vicky and Oaklands Plantation, who I know were the driving force behind this marvellous floral extravaganza, the best of luck in the finals of Britain in Bloom.

Cherry Bartlett, by email.

The Pirates Arrr Coming!

Dear Purbeckians,

The dates for the 2019 Purbeck Pirate Festival have been set, so pop the late-May Bank Holiday in your diaries now for 2019! The festival will start at 6pm on Friday May 24th at Sandpit Field with the ever-popular Kid's Pirate Disco and will run through to 4pm on Monday 27th May.

Sword fights, skirmishes, cannon fire, musket fire and gruesome limb removals are all on the menu once again, along with a selection of piratical stalls and children's games.

The Friday night Pirate Pub Crawl invites the public houses in Swanage town centre to join in once again – if you didn't join us this year, please do consider adding your pub to the list for 2019! A great time was had by all the adult pirates in full costume and a good amount of rum was sunk, with no bad behaviour reported whatsoever...

Additional volunteers are being invited a'board to join the motley (but friendly!) crew who run the festival – despite there being certain responsibilities, laughter is guaranteed as this is a fun festival with a brilliant, friendly, welcoming vibe!

If you run a small, local charity and would like to be considered as a recipient for a percentage of the funds (hopefully!) raised in 2019, please do contact us and offer some volunteer hours and we'll add you to the list! Volunteer shifts are from Friday through to Monday and you can choose between assisting from 9.30am – 2pm, or 2pm – 6.30pm, when the field closes down for the evening.

Tasks are varied, from handing out flyers and helping to keep the field clean and tidy, to taking part in the pirate games and manning the stalls. There's something for everyone to get involved with and people of all ages are very welcome to join us!

Once again, Swanage town businesses are very welcome to join in and run their own pirate-themed events during the festival – no such thing as too many pirates! Just let us know what you have planned and we can help you promote your piratical events via the festival website and marketing – all for one, and one for all!

Keep an eye on the Gazette for further updates and remember to book the weekend off work in advance!

Salutations, the Purbeck Pirate Festival crew.

www.purbeckpiratefestival.com

Email: purbeckpiratefestival@gmail.com

Days Of Remembrance

Dear Readers,

Remembrance 2018

On Sunday 28th June 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the Austro-Hungarian empire, visited Sarajevo.

Bosnia was at the time part of his home territory, however Serbian terrorists decided to recruit three Bosnian student activists who would seek to assassinate him. Whilst the original attempt failed, fate was to play its hand and the Archduke and his wife died later that day. Within a month the situation in Europe was grave.

On 31st July, Russia announced it would mobilise its army, Germany marched into Belgium on 4th August, and eleven hours later, Britain declared war on Germany.

The Great War was a human tragedy on a global scale. The great thing about statistics is they can be moved around, or fudged, however here are a couple for you. Sixty-five million men were mobilized to fight and

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twenty-one million died, including thirteen million civilians.

In our modern world, it is difficult to grasp the sheer horror of what occurred; the death, the disruption, the lost generations within our local community and the true sadness that resulted.

On 1st November this year, we will start eleven days of Remembrance in Swanage, when many of us will take a moment or two to remember the sacrifice which, in the main, ended on 11th November 1918.

Much is planned for Swanage, and we will start at the end of October by decorating shops, businesses and some of our streets in red/white/blue or with any Remembrance themed items.

For further information, please also see the panel on page 15 of this edition, or follow us at **'Battle's Over WWIC'** on Facebook.

What can you do? Maybe donate and wear a poppy with pride. Light a candle in a front window at home on 1st and 11th November. Or better still, join with us outside St Mary's Church at 1945hrs on Thursday 1st November (with a candle) and hear one hundred bells tolling to remember our dead. There will be a variety of events in the town leading up to the main events Sunday 11th November which will commence with a lone piper playing at the War Memorial at 0600hrs.

Frank Roberts, Chairman, Swanage Branch, Royal British Legion

Thanks For Support

Dear Editor,

My husband and I held a fund-raising afternoon on Saturday, September 29th in aid of Forest Holme Hospice and Wareham Chemo Unit.

We would just like to say a huge thank you for all the help and support from our family, friends and neighbours who attended and donated to our event and we would also like to thank the many people who couldn't attend but who still gave donations.

Several businesses very kindly donated raffle prizes, we would like to thank: The Springfield Hotel, Holme Nurseries, Kirkwood Park, Victoria Avenue, The Salt Pig Swanage, St Michaels Garage, Swanage Railway, Heartwood Tree Management, Furzebrook, and the Kings Arms, Langton, with such lovely prizes. Our raffle was very popular.

The day was a great success with an exclusive showing of a beautiful handcrafted, fully working and illuminated Model Fairground, built by my husband over many years. We have shown it in the past for various charities.

We also had refreshments, cakes and various stalls, the sun shone and it was a great atmosphere. We managed to raise a grand total of £827.20 which has been divided between both charities.

This was a great achievement for us, but we would never have managed it without the help, kindness and support of all our family, friends and neighbours. You are all truly wonderful, so thank-you again.

Chris and Carol Hobbs, Swanage, by email.

Outrageous Water Rates

Dear Ed,

We own self-catering holiday home in Walrond Rd, Swanage. We also own our home in Teddington and have been trying to work out why our water bills in Swanage are so high compared to Teddington. I have discovered that Wessex Water charges a 70% higher price than Thames Water.

It transpires that whilst Thames Water charge us £2.57 per m3, Wessex water charge £4.38 per m3. This is 70% more than we are charged in Teddington. We challenged Wessex Water about this and they said yes that is correct and there is nothing we can do about it. They are a monopoly and they can charge what they like.

Wessex water operate a complex charge with standing charge plus a

rate. Thames just charge a rate. I will be writing to the local MP Richard Drax about this and asking if Richard Drax thinks this is justified that his constituents are being so heavily overcharged for water by a local monopoly that was established and regulated by his party in government.

I am writing to your paper to make the public in Purbeck aware of this difference and ask if anyone else would like to protest about this overcharging. I had no idea there were such large regional differences.

Kind regards, Chris Radford

Plastic Charge Win/Win

Dear Readers,

Mark Richardson of Budgens Swanage is to be congratulated on voluntarily introducing a charge for plastic carrier bags and donating moneys received to local charities.

Based on recent experience in larger supermarkets, this move will substantially reduce the number of plastic bags issued in the store - a proportion of which end up in the sea at Swanage (and beyond) with dire consequences. For those who don't (or won't) bring their own bags, local charities will benefit.

A win/win.

Chris Wallis, by email.

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TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

Chipping Away At Our Lifestyle

by David Hollister

One of the more difficult tasks handed over to local authorities by central government is to provide dedicated pitches for Gypsies and Travellers (Nico says I mustn't use the 'G' word but as the BBC website uses it frequently, I don't see why I can't either...)

There are two distinct types of 'Gypsies' – Roma Gypsies and Irish Travellers. Both have a nomadic lifestyle travelling from one place to another, but they are totally separate ethnic groups. Romany Gypsies are said to have their roots in India and came to Europe in the 13th century, while Travellers are mainly of Irish origin, and used to be known as 'tinkers', skilful people that mended pots and pans. There are no official statistics for Travellers but their number is estimated by the government to be around 300,000, mostly living in caravans on official sites provided by local authorities.

The bad news for Gypsies and Travellers – and indeed for all of us – is that the upcoming merger of the district councils is delaying the decisions for the location of new Gypsy and traveller pitches in Dorset. A list of potential sites was to be published in June, followed by the inevitable "public consultation" as a sop to democracy. However, this has now been put back until at least January 2019. Perceptive readers will realise that this will mean that a proper decision is being shelved until the new 'Unitary Councils' take over. Passing the hot potato, I wonder?

I would like to publicly thank Alison Hernandez, Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall, for making it clear that she did not support the proposed merger with Dorset Police, and refusing to submit a case for the merger to the Home Office. The joint police force would have been the largest rural police force in the country. In May 2010, introducing the Localism Act, the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister issued a joint statement that "the time has come to disperse power more widely in Britain today". Which part of that, I wonder, did our own PCC Martyn Underhill not understand when he supported a merger?

Indeed, which part of that did Dorset County Council not understand when they put forward the idea of the new 'Unitary Councils' which come into operation next year? I may appear to be somewhat parochial and insular, but I cannot understand why we are better served by huge authorities – I won't call them 'local authorities' because at that size, they're not. Just as I want my local A & E to be local rather than at the other side of Bournemouth, I want my police to be under local control and indeed council decisions to be made by people who know and care for the immediate area.

Anyone who lives in Purbeck cannot help but notice that we're gradually losing so many of the things we used to take for granted. Such as – for example – branches of all the main banks in Swanage and in Wareham and Wool. Only Lloyds is left with a fully-working High Street presence but – for how much longer? We're encouraged to 'do it online' but the more we do, the less demand there is for bank branches to be open. Quite how I safely pay a summer weekend's takings of £25,000 cash into

the bank when there isn't a branch defeats me. There have recently been rumours that the Swanage and / or Wareham branches of Lloyds are scheduled for closure. Alarmed at this prospect, I spoke to the Manager of the Swanage branch in person; he stated categorically that he was not aware of any plans to close either branch. Much relief!

One really good idea mooted recently was that the main banks – Lloyds, Natwest, HSBC and Barclays – should share a branch in each town and each have one cashier and one cash machine in the building. Seems like joined-up thinking, much too sensible for the banks to take any notice. Indeed, contact with anyone meaningful at the Head Office of any bank is virtually impossible; I've been trying for several years to stop Lloyds sending me single-sheet notices of interest rates each month for accounts which are dormant, using separate envelopes for each..... How environmentally unfriendly and profligate is that!

"Do it online" seems to be the answer for everything. Phone your credit card provider, phone BT, HMRC, any government department, and the disembodied voice says "Do you know you can do this online" to which my answer is "No, I want to speak to a human being." Strangely, when I "do it online" I can never find the actual answer to the question that I wanted to ask. Same as 'self-service tills' in supermarkets, B&Q etc. What you're doing by using these is helping that store to put someone else out of work. And that someone could be your son or daughter, sister or brother. My motto? Refuse to Use!

Look at the trail of destruction that Amazon and the like are creating in the High Street. Goodbye Mothercare, New Look, House of Fraser, Toys R Us, Maplins, Poundworld, the list goes on and on.

In Swanage and Wareham, the same thing's happening. I applaud the few 'independents' that are left, in between the gift shops, charity shops and the 'pop-up' snack bars which weren't intended to be 'pop up' but many of which soon 'popped down' when they discovered that the sort of rents being demanded by property owners just can't be serviced by selling two coffees and a plate of beans on toast.

For too many of us, shopping has become a lazy click. Can I be bothered to drive to Poole? What will I find when I get there? No, if local stores don't have it – and I usually try them first – it's click click and get it the next day online.

There's so much stuff that we in Purbeck just can't get on our High Street anymore. Cameras? Quality Fountain pens? Quality Glassware? Kitchen Equipment and white goods? Mobile phones? Even the much-lamented CDs. Yes, I gave up and use Spotify for cheap and plentiful music. All this stuff could be sourced in Swanage as recently as ten years ago but now – watch out, there's a thief about – and that's not just the thief who stole our quad bikes and our generators of late, but the thief who stole a whole lifestyle of proper 'shopping'.

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Wareham Town Council Update

Julie, our Gazette correspondent, details the goings on in recent council meetings.....



News from Wareham Town Council September

Opposite the Household Recycling Centre in Westminster Road, Dorset Waste Partnership has premises which are to be demolished and re-built to give safer public access and parking for more vehicles. Construction of a cycleway along the A351, Wareham Bypass, will not start for at least a year while other work on the road is carried out.

Purbeck District Council will fund Purbeck Citizens Advice for a two-year contract for a caseworker specifically to address homeless reduction and has resolved to buy two houses for the temporary accommodation of homeless people.

The dorsetforyou website has been re-built; other information is on the shadowcouncil.dorset.gov.uk site. The Dorset Council Chief Executive Officer designate is Matt Prosser currently CEO of North Dorset, West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland Councils.

Scaffolding had been erected on 2 Mill Lane to effect repairs to the roof. The Amenity Committee members were to look at the equipment in all the playgrounds before deciding what to have repaired or replaced.

A presentation to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group gave an update on the Hub project. The Hub will provide adult social care, non-bedded community health services and housing, in particular extra care, respite care and key worker housing.

In the short term it is proposed to put twenty-four relocatable housing units on the Middle School site, which will be for people being discharged from long term hospital care and people who need to move from unsuitable accommodation.

In the South and Southeast in Bloom competition, Wareham won a Gold Award for a small town as well as being top of the Gold Awards. Priory Meadow and St Mary's Churchyard both won Silver Gilt and the sterling work of Ross Cooper was recognized with the brand-new Judges' Award. Well done, Ross!

The Council thanked and praised the work of the Town Hall staff and the Wareham In Bloom group. Councillor Osmond pointed out that new sponsors would be welcome to contribute to costs, such as £6,000 for plants and £9,000 for watering.

The public is welcome to attend the next meetings of the Town Council on Monday 10th December and Tuesday 22nd January at 7pm in the Town Hall.

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Justice For Gaia - Art For Gaia

Gaia's family continue to fight for the truth and ask you to join with the #ArtForGaia campaign and make something beautiful in her name...



Following the tragic loss of Gaia Pope (19) in Swanage in November last year, Gaia's family and friends continue to battle to get the answers to the numerous outstanding questions surrounding the disappearance and subsequent death of the local teenager.

'Justice for Gaia' is now encouraging people to make something beautiful in Gaia's name as part of a project to remember and celebrate her creativity, as well as asking people to continue to support their fight for the truth, and their wish to support other young people across the country who are facing issues similar to those Gaia faced.

Gaia's family have asked us to publish the following short message and they invite you to stay up-to-date with proceedings at the website: <https://justiceforgaia.com/>

Supporting 'Justice for Gaia' - here are three simple ways you can help:

- 1 Help us get the word out by following Justice for Gaia on Facebook, twitter and Instagram. Share our updates and invite your friends to follow us, too.
- 2 Make something beautiful. Gaia was an artist, so an art project seems like the perfect way to honour her. Whether you collage, carve or crochet, film, draw or make sculptures out of baby bell skins, and whether you do it well or badly (because it really is the thought that counts) – it's a chance to show that Gaia won't be forgotten – however long it takes and help create a space for people to speak to some of the challenges she faced – and many others do, too. #ArtForGaia
- 3 Add your voice. If you or your family have been affected by some of the same challenges Gaia faced, if you help others overcome them in your work, in your community or if for any other reason Gaia's story has spoken to you, we want to hear your voice. Speak up wherever you can – home, work, your community – about the scale of sexual violence about women and girls and the impact of the crisis in mental health services.



Top: Gaia's family are determined to highlight the serious failings in support offered to Gaia prior to her disappearance. Below: Gaia's candlelit vigil in Swanage. Picture by Tim Crabb.



Dorset Schools' Improvements

Dorset County Council has set out proposals in a paper going to Cabinet on 17 October for a redefined relationship between the council and schools and academies across Dorset.

The aim of the proposals is to bring about school improvement through the creation of a new Dorset School Improvement Board (DSIB) together with a system of school clusters. The DSIB would be an independently chaired, school-led, voluntary body representing both academies and maintained schools. The Local Authority would act as a key advisor to the board, rather than leading it.

These proposals outline a school-led system where the council would operate as a partnership broker and facilitator. The council's school improvement service would continue to monitor all schools, but do less to 'fix' schools directly. The vision is for the schools themselves to do this whilst the school improvement team concentrates on developing partnerships and evaluating and feeding back on the success of activity resulting from decisions made at the DSIB.

This approach has been proven to significantly improve school performance

in other areas of the country and is supported by many local headteachers. Below the DSIB would sit clusters of schools, grouped by geographical area. These clusters would encourage collaboration and the spread of good practice, helping to improve lower-performing schools.

The proposal also earmarks an initial grant of £100k for the Strategic School Improvement Fund to support the new arrangements. Initial consultation with schools on these proposals took place in July and September, and, subject to Cabinet approval, further consultation will take place with headteachers and schools over coming months to add detail to the proposals. If approved, the new structure would come into effect from 1 April 2019.

Cllr Andrew Parry, Cabinet member for Economic Growth, Education, Learning and Skills, said: "This proposed approach recognises the excellent work that is already going on in schools and between schools. The aim is to strengthen the partnership working between schools, giving them greater autonomy to share ideas and methods across all schools."

DECEMBER EDITION DEADLINE: 12 noon on 8th November

FEATURE: Christmas Challenge part 2

Wareham Area Forum



Wareham Area Seniors' Forum
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A short AGM followed by Christmas Festivities with the Monday Nightingales

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There were also a lot more stories coming out at the end which went unheard by the main body of members. Perhaps we ought to do this again at some time?

Our next meeting is to be held on the 26th November, from 10am to 12 noon at Carey Hall, Mistover Road, Carey. We will be having a short (promise!) Annual General Meeting, followed by Christmas festivities led by the Monday Nightingales. Those of us who have heard them before know just how good they are.

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Oh! What a Lovely War



This moving and poignant anti-war satire and musical has a star-laden cast, which includes some all-time greats: Laurence Olivier, John Mills, Maggie Smith and a brace of Redgrave. It was also Richard Attenborough's directorial debut.

This film will be shown as part of Swanage's remembrance of The Great War – "the War to end all Wars" –



National Coastwatch

Eyes along the coast

View from the Lookout

November is a month for remembrance and this year takes on a special significance with the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One.

The watchkeepers at Peveril Point see ourselves as being very much part of the community and our contribution to the remembrance events in Swanage will take a nautical direction. Adapting the theme of the British Legion's Silent Silhouette project, we will be creating a cut-out silhouette of HMT Arfon, a First World War Wreck.

The Arfon was built as a trawler in 1908. Her name is Welsh and means meaning "facing Anglesey". She spent her working life operating from the port of Milford Haven in South Wales and was requisitioned by the Royal Navy in 1914. The initials HMT in her name are a clue to this; standing for Hired Military Transport.

Armed with a six-pounder gun and mine sweeping apparatus, the Arfon spent the next three years patrolling the Dorset coast, sweeping for mines along the inshore shipping lanes. She was based at the Royal Navy base in Portland. The armed trawlers played a key role in coastal defence at the time and were used for minesweeping, submarine spotting and



coastal patrols. It was a dangerous life and by the end of the war, over three hundred trawlers had been sunk, with the loss of fifty percent of the crews.

On the 30th April 1917, The Arfon hit a mine, just to the south of St Alban's Head, sinking in less than ten minutes. Sadly, ten of her crew, including the captain John Thomas Abrams, perished in the loss with just three surviving.

The Dorset coast was a dangerous place to be in World War One as it was a hunting ground for the German U-boats. HMT Arfon is just one of a number of wrecks along the coast that were sunk by U-boats.

One of the most well-known is the four hundred-foot long Kyarra. The Kyarra spent the war as a troop transport and hospital ship before being torpedoed on the morning of 26th May 1918, just off Durlston Head. Sadly, seven men died in the event, but the number could have been much higher had she embarked the one thousand and war wounded troops waiting at Plymouth, waiting to be repatriated to Australia.

The Station's link to the Arfon is that her location and identity were finally confirmed by Deputy Station Manager and Training Officer, Martin Jones, and his son Bryan. Martin and Bryan run Swanage Boat Charters and their boats can often be seen sailing past the Lookout on the way to the local dive sites. The importance of the wreck was highlighted, when in 2016, it was designated a protected wreck by Historic England.

As we carry out our watches in November we will all be reflecting on the sacrifices made by those Royal Navy and Merchant Marine sailors who lost their lives during the First World War and other conflicts.

Our silhouette will bear those three words that sum up the Remembrance events: 'Lest We Forget'.

Light The Beacon For Wareham

Everyone is invited to witness Wareham's 'Beacon Lighting' ceremony, joining the country-wide chain of 1000s of Beacons to recognise the 100th anniversary of the cessation of WWI hostilities.

The Beacon lighting will be initiated by the Mayor of Wareham, Cllr Mrs Carol Turner; Rev Canon Simon Everett, LSM and Mr Mike Fry, RBL Chairman; at 7pm on 11th of 11th 2018; at Wareham Quay. Please come and support this most auspicious occasion; the next similar event is likely to be in twenty-seven years' time! *Malcolm Russell*

ELEVEN DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

Join us this year to remember those who sacrificed for us

Thurs 1st Nov - 20.00	Candle-lit community gathering in ground of St Mary's Church, Swanage. All very welcome.
Thurs 1st Nov - onwards	Swanage Chamber of Trade - shops and businesses commemorate those who gave their lives in the Great War by decorating their shops and establishments.
Thurs 1st Nov - onwards	Presentations to local schools will commence.
Thurs 1st Nov - onwards	Swanage Museum will host an exhibition marking the centenary of the end of WW1, open from 11am - 3pm daily.
Thurs 1st Nov - onwards	National Coastwatch Institute - Peveril Point. Display focused on the HMT Arfon, which operated from RN Portland Harbour base and hit a mine in April 1917 with a loss of ten lives.
Fri 2nd Nov - 12.00	Monday lunchtime Concert, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Herston Cross. Wartime songs concert & 2-course buffet lunch. £5.
Sat 3rd Nov - 10.00 - 16.00	Poppy Coffee & Crafts Day at Swanage Royal British Legion.
Sun 4th Nov 18.30	Festival of Remembrance at Weymouth Pavilion.
Thurs 8th - Sat 10th Nov, 10.00 - 16.00	Poppy Exhibition at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Herston Cross.
Thurs 8th Nov - 19.30	Potted History of WW1 - a talk by Frank Roberts at Swanage British Legion.
Fri 9th Nov - 10.30	Planting of poppies at Swanage War Memorial by school children.
Fri 9th Nov - 14.30	Afternoon Singalong at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Herston Cross, Swanage.
Fri 9th Nov - 19.30	Evening of Stories & Song at the Mowlem Theatre - Rep. Theatre Group return for the evening.
Sat 10th Nov - 09.00	Veterans' Breakfast (limited spaces) at Swanage Royal British Legion. Please book in advance.
Sat 10th Nov - 19.30	Remembrance Social Evening with Bournemouth band 'Runaway' at Swanage Royal British Legion.
Sun 11th Nov	<i>Events all day:</i>
<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	06.00 - Bagpipes at Dawn, 11.00 - Two minutes silence at Swanage War Memorial, 12.30 - 100 bells peel. 14.00 Remembrance Parade, Shore Road, Swanage, 15.00 St Mary's Church Service, Swanage, 16.00 Wreath Laying at Swanage War Memorial, 18.55 The Last Post is played at Swanage War Memorial, 19.00 Beacons Of Light are lit at Swanage War Memorial and Ballard Down, 19.05 Ringing out for Peace at Swanage War Memorial.

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Join Us For A Fantastic New Community Event: 'Love Swanage'

An exciting new community event is planned on Saturday 3rd November, and organisers Litter Free Coast and Sea are warmly inviting one and all to come along and show that you 'Love Swanage'.

This fun, free event will be held at The Swanage School. It is open to all ages and will celebrate our wonderful local environment.

Drop in between 11am-4pm and take part in free bushcraft sessions and a pop up foraging walk by local experts Fore Adventure (for times see contact details on the advert), wildlife activities with the Durlston Rangers, plus arts and crafts.

Have a cuppa and admire a collection of stunning photographs of the area and artwork by local children. Visit stands from a collection of local organisations and discover how they are giving people the chance to enjoy and look after the local environment, showing how we can all help protect it through simple, affordable changes in our everyday lives.

Local project Greengage will be holding a plant sale and there will be an opportunity to purchase local products from several local producers. If all that has then given you an appetite, you can enjoy a tasty lunch or sweet snack from the Salt Pig chefs!

You can also find out more about the Litter Free Coast and Sea 'Love our Beach' Swanage Campaign, which will be officially launched at the event.

Project Officer Sarah Spurling asks, "Did you know that waste cooking oil from your kitchen can be converted into renewable energy?" She explains: "Used cooking oil is collected at the household recycling centre in Swanage and transformed into green energy, generating electricity for UK homes and businesses. The added benefit of collecting all your used cooking oil and recycling it ensures that it doesn't end up down the drain where it can cause blockages in pipes and at the sewage works. These blockages and fat build ups can lead to sewage spills in the sea which we would all like to avoid. Simple, affordable tweaks to our habits like this all add up to improving bathing water quality, keeping it excellent every day!"

Throughout the campaign, the Litter Free Coast and Sea team will be reaching out to residents and businesses with a series of activities and initiatives highlighting ways that they can make simple changes to help reduce the impact of Fats, oils and greases or 'FOGs' in the drainage system.

For more information about what's happening on the day, and to learn about some of the other work Litter Free Coast and Sea are involved in, head to their website at litterfreecoastandsea.co.uk, or find them on twitter @litterfreecoast.



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East Stoke Litter Pickers



Sunday 7th of October saw twenty-five hardy residents, poised to do battle with the rubbish which had gathered on Binnigar Lane East Stoke.

After the detailed safety brief and issued with fetching luminous jackets and cunning litter picking sticks, we had a pleasant stroll from Middlefield to the top of Binnigar Lane / Puddletown Road.

Our mission to identify the areas of concern on the way up, neutralise on the way down, also to include a small section of the A352. The lane (and adjacent Bridle Path), is very popular with locals and has a plethora of wildlife, rhododendrons and Bluebells. Unfortunately, it has also become a bit of a "Rat Run" and accumulated a significant amount of rubbish.

After an hour and a half of clearing the verges, we had accumulated a sizeable amount of rubbish and junk, (some of which was dated 2001!).

After the obligatory happy snaps, we retired to headquarters for suitable liquid refreshment and the highlight of the day...cake! We all agreed that it was a very well worthwhile exercise, and oddly enough....fun!

A huge thanks to all the residents who attended, PDC and the Parish Council for their support, and of course the lovely ladies who supplied the rations. If you would like to get involved in future adventures, please do not hesitate to contact the organiser: Simon Cragg on 01929 462856 / 0771 2714314 or Phoenix60@live.co.uk



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Support Frank And Rob For ALL Of Us!

Many of you will be familiar with the workings of our local litter-picking crews (all voluntary, community-based groups) who are doing sterling work keeping our streets and lanes clear in lieu of the fact the Dorset County Council simply don't seem to have either the time, funding or inclination to do the work which is tasked to them.

Two very familiar faces around Swanage are those of Frank Roberts and Rob Nunn, who between them have self-funded an extraordinary amount of work in addition to the litter picking.

We fully support this small team in their attempts to try and raise some funds to enable them to continue their amazing work on behalf of us all. Thus far, pretty much all costs involved have been carried by Frank and Rob personally, including purchasing street signage, petrol, paint, cleaning materials, safety lights and much more. We'd like to see all of us get a little more involved in helping these wonderful people help us all by keeping our environment clean and presentable.

Below is a message from Rob, who has been hard at work restoring various town artefacts as well as continuing the ongoing 'great clean-up'.

Dear readers,

I am a voluntary member of the Swanage Landers group formed by Frank Roberts which is linked to Litter Free Purbeck.

I have been doing various painting jobs around Swanage town, including: the barrier alongside the brook, the barrier alongside the cottages on the High Street, the barrier fence alongside the rail bridge on Victoria Avenue (which Frank kindly cleared for me prior to painting), various iconic bollards (both stone and steel) and twenty-six street name plates (to date).

There is so, so much more to do! I am wanting to do to give these areas a much-needed facelift before they literally fall to rack and ruin.

Unfortunately, we do not receive any funding for materials or indeed for the various tools that need replacing when we clear the roads and pavements of dirt and weeds.

I would kindly ask those people who appreciate what we are doing for the community (and we know there are many who do) to possibly consider starting a collection or fund which will allow us to continue our efforts to keep Swanage a wonderful and beautiful place to live for everyone.

We're more than happy to continue doing the hard graft, but we're finding it increasingly difficult to fund the tools, paint and cleaning materials needed to do the job properly. Thanks so much for your continued support and road-side cups of tea – we really do appreciate it!

Regards, Rob Nunn.

Happy Birthday To Our Garden!

It is now one year since the Tree of Life and Laughter Community Garden, to the rear of Wareham Library, was officially declared 'open', and what a first year it has been.

The garden has received gifts galore, from murals and sculptures donated by Purbeck Art Weeks, local school children and the Purbeck Day Centre, to tables, benches and a bird table donated by The Purbeck Rally, and gazebos donated by Wareham Rotary. These gifts, added to the ones previously given, have helped to create a community garden and exhibition space second to none right in the middle of Wareham town centre.

The space has already been used by the Library for its Summer Reading Challenge, school party visits and Friends of the Library tea & cakes. It has also been used by Sea Life Weymouth twice, who brought their mobile rock pools for literally hundreds of children and adults to enjoy, and by the Trust for a 'Nearly New Book and Craft Fayre'.

The garden and exhibition space is there for everyone to make use of and enjoy, not just Library users or the local community, but our many thousands of visitors each year.

If you or anyone that you know would like to make use of it, then please call into the Library for an informal chat, or contact John Scott on 01929 554236 john@wddt.org.uk

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Swanage Carnival Cup Competition



It all started when the Swanage Carnival

Committee were researching options for doing away with wasteful, single-use plastic cups and they found a solution, reusable cups!

We launched our very own branded reusable cups that are 100% recyclable. This initiative helped to dramatically reduce the waste generated on the Carnival show ground by removing the use of more than 30,000 single-use plastic cups.

Customers paid a deposit when buying their drink, and at the end of the event,

they either returned the cup and received their deposit back or took the cup home as a souvenir.

This proved to be very successful and many cups were taken as souvenirs, which got the Carnival team wondering where the cups would end up.

So just for fun, a competition was run through Carnival's social media channels to see who could get a cup photographed the furthest away from Swanage.

The competition proved an instant success with photographs being sent in from all over the world.

Kevin Langdon, the event organiser and Carnival Member said "The response was simply staggering, we thought a few people would send in photos of their cups, but we never imagined that people would be so keen to travel with their Carnival cups and were even sending cups to family and friends abroad. Carnival cups have travelled to America, Mexico, Europe,



Dubai, Singapore, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand."

The eventual winner was Paul Sinclair who travelled all the way down through New Zealand to Slope Point, which is the southernmost point of the South Island, New Zealand.

A total distance from Swanage is 11,935 miles! Goadsby Estate Agents, who kindly supported the Carnival Cups for 2018, also decided to sponsor the competition and donated a bottle of champagne to the winner. Gavin Harris, Divisional Director of Goadsby Estate Agents said "Wow! This was a great bit of fun for a competition. We were glad we could help support Swanage Carnival."

The Carnival cups have proved a huge success and a great way to advertise Swanage Carnival and our sponsor, but more importantly have helped spread the message to "reduce, reuse and recycle".

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Carnival cup in New Zealand, top left, by Paul Sinclair



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Blast From The Past!

This month, A Decade Ago...



November 2008's cover page was written by Frank Roberts and marked Remembrance Day 2008 with an emotional piece detailing the story of the Unknown Warrior.

At 9.20am on Thursday 11th November 1920 in London, flanked by eight Guardsmen and placed on a gun carriage, the coffin containing the body of the Unknown Warrior was adorned with a war-torn Union Flag, a steel helmet and the side arms of a private soldier. In the bright November sun, the Unknown Soldier was then taken as part of an official party from Victoria to Westminster. A nineteen-gun salute boomed out from Hyde Park and the Unknown Soldier was accompanied in slow time to the Funeral March, with the sound of muffled drums. Six black horses pulled the carriage, with mourners following behind.

Inside Westminster Abbey, a thousand widows had gathered. The coffin moved up a line of one hundred Victoria Cross holders after being saluted in silence by the King. Never before had such a ceremony been witnessed. After the service, the coffin was lowered and the King was handed a silver shell, filled with earth from the Flanders battlefield, which he sprinkled over the coffin. The grave was partly filled with Flanders soil, making part of the abbey forever a foreign field. The Last Post and Reveille broke the silence.

Over one and a half million people filed past the grave over the following sixteen days. The grave of the Unknown Warrior lies set in the floor of the west entrance to the abbey. It is covered by a slab of black Tournai marble and is surrounded by poppies and greenery; it holds pride of place within the abbey - the resting place of dozens of Kings and Queens of England.

May we never forget the losses of the past. Spare a thought for all those who sacrificed their lives for us this year on Sunday 11th November.

Swanage Lions Club promoted the return of the successful Charity Christmas Mail in November 2008 - having previously been run for twenty-two years by volunteers, after its original conception by Sue Bowman as a one-woman operation. The mail stopped in 2003 when a suitable venue could not be found in the town centre. Tawny's restaurant and the Salvation Army in Swanage High Street stepped in and offered the group space, and the mail was relaunched under Swanage Lions.



Children from St George's School in Langton Matravers (pictured, above) celebrated in November 2008 after creating an original scarecrow 'Little Miss Muffet and her Scary Spider' for the Pumpkin and Scarecrow festival



at the Square and Compass in Worth Matravers. The children were then invited to join in with the St George's Church Harvest Supper and Sunday morning Harvest service.

Swanage residents took their campaign to save the recycling centre directly to Dorset County Council, having discovered that the number of households who would have to travel the 24-mile round trip to the Wareham recycling centre would involve a million additional miles travelled annually to undertake recycling - certainly not saving the planet in any way, shape or form!

The figures obviously did not include those without a car, who we can presume would have been expected to take their rubbish on the bus, before walking it from the nearest bus stop to the centre.

Then-newly-selected Liberal Democrat, Ros Kayes, described the plans as 'hideously impractical' and demanded that Dorset County Council "... put their money where their mouth is... if they are committed to the environmental principles behind effective recycling... it makes no sense at all to take away an existing centre if it's going to increase car use in this way."

PC 82 Moira Connolly, who I'm sure many of you will remember, introduced herself and praised a group of eleven children, aged between ten and thirteen from Wareham Middle and Purbeck Schools, who, on returning home from school on the last day of the summer term, became involved in the rescue of a mother and her young son from a rocky-banked river at Corfe Castle.

After the rescue the children carried on home with no expectations of recognition. The incident came to light when the rescued child's mother wrote a letter to the headmaster after the holidays.

Moira Connolly and Sam Shrewbridge, along with PACT partners, arranged a presentation at Wareham Middle School to thank them.

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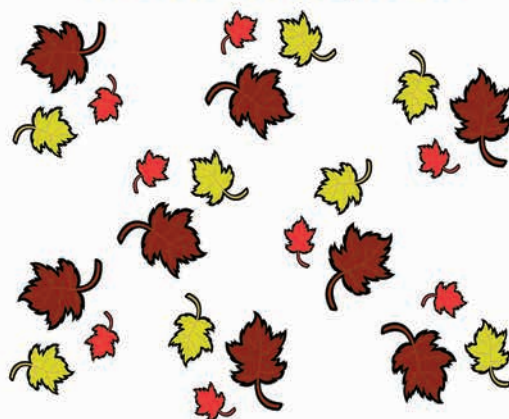
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Yes, it's here already - Bonfire Night! No apologies for using this article to remind you all of a few simple rules to ensure celebrations across Purbeck are safe

and enjoyable. While we want you all to enjoy the celebrations of bonfire night, it is important to remember that fireworks are explosives and potentially hazardous and must be handled in a careful and safe manner. The misuse of fireworks is not only an offence but can be dangerous to people, property and animals and can leave some members of our communities feeling intimidated and distressed. Therefore, we would like you to respect and take note of the following legislation and the firework Code.

It is an offence under section 80 of the Explosives Act 1875 to throw or set off fireworks in any highway, street, thoroughfare or public place. Anyone found guilty is liable to pay a fine of up to £5,000 and can be imprisoned for up to six months. Penalty notices for disorder can also be issued for this offence, attracting the upper tier fine of £90.

In Regulations made under the Fireworks Act 2003, it is also an offence for under 18s to possess fireworks in a public place and for anyone to let fireworks off during night hours (11pm to 7am). If a retailer is found to be selling fireworks to underage customers, they will be liable to prosecution. Police also have the power to issue penalty notices for disorder for these offences. Again, the offence attracts the upper tier fine of £90.

The Firework Code:

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Keep pets indoors



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Bonfire advice:

- Site well away from houses, garages, sheds, fences, overhead cables, trees and shrubs and always away from fireworks
- Before lighting the fire, check that no pets or children are hiding inside it
- Build the stack so that it is stable and will not collapse outwards or to one side
- Never use flammable liquids – paraffin or petrol – to light the fire
- Don't burn foam-filled furniture, aerosols and tins of paint or bottles
- Keep everyone away from the fire – especially children, who must be supervised at all times

For you and your community's safety, please report to the Police anyone you see misusing fireworks. Wrap up warm, stay safe and have fun.

Finally, if you need to contact Dorset Police, please call our Police Enquiry Centre by phoning 101. Always call 999 in an EMERGENCY when there is a risk of HARM or a CRIME in progress. Alternatively, call the free CRIMESTOPPERS line on 0800 555 111.

You can also use our website to report a number of issues, from full crime reports to lost property; just use the following link <https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/>

Don't forget to visit us on our Facebook page Facebook.com/Purbeck-police and Twitter - @PurbeckPolice – we really value your support and comments. You can also see our latest priorities and up and coming events at <https://www.dorset.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/purbeck/> Please come along to our meet-the-team events at SWANAGE, WAREHAM and UPTON, dates can be found on the website, we'd love to see you there.

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Dorset's 'Children In Care' Awards

"Everybody's an individual and everybody matters"

Dorset County Council has held its annual Children in Care awards. The awards celebrate the achievements of foster families, the children they look after and the youngsters who are leaving care.

Over 100 awards were presented at an emotional ceremony at Bryanston School on Saturday 29 September, attended by some 300 people. Awards included the recognition of birth children who have welcomed foster children into their homes, educational qualifications gained by looked-after young people, and adult carers for their long service and outstanding contribution to fostering. Councillor Andrew Parry, Cabinet member for education, skills and learning, praised the dedication of foster carers before

expressing his pride as a 'corporate parent' to the 450 foster children currently in Dorset.

Brothers Toby and Niall collected a Significant Achievement award on behalf of Michael, a care-leaver who their family fostered. Michael couldn't attend the award as he is on a placement year in America as part of his Biomedical Science degree at the University of the West of England. Michael sent a message to say that being in foster care was "the best thing that ever happened" to him.

More foster carers are urgently needed across Dorset to help make a difference to the lives of children in care. If you might be interested in fostering, you can find out more here, or get in touch: 01305 225568 or fosteringinquiries@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Motoring

Don't Panic - Ok?

by David Hollister

Ford Owners who watched the recent BBC documentary featuring Ford cars spontaneously igniting may well be justifiably concerned for their own safety. But let's put this into perspective and – as Corporal Jones often said – Don't panic!

Ford's database contains details of all the known owners of cars with the potentially faulty EcoBoost engines on some models including the Focus, Kuga, C-Max, Fiesta ST and Transit Connect models built between 2010 and 2015. Ford say that they have issued recall notices to all known owners, but if those recall notices have been ignored or if cars have changed hands and gone 'out of the system', then you may have a potential problem.

Our local Ford Dealers, St.Michaels Garage, tell me that anyone who is in the least bit concerned about their Ford should bring it in for a brief examination. By entering the car's VIN number into the Ford computer system, they can tell immediately if the car is/was at risk and whether the necessary rectifications have been carried out, even by a previous owner.

You can check for yourself on <https://www.check-mot.service.gov.uk/> where it will advise you of any outstanding recalls. But hearing it from your reputable local Ford Dealer in person may be more reassuring! Don't put it off – do it today! Talk to Graham on 01929 480221. Graham assures me that every new and used Ford Ecoboost sold or serviced by St.Michaels since this fault became known has already been checked and, if necessary, rectified – but it can't hurt to check if you have concerns.

We in Purbeck are faced with a season of road closures, speed restrictions, and traffic lights stretching well into the New Year. No denying that roads need to be repaired and pipes need to be laid; all I ask is that when roads are closed with traffic lights, there should be something going on behind them to justify their existence! In addition, I ask that the lights should be kept in good working order!

The realignment of the junction with Langton Hill and the A351 just outside Swanage makes such good sense that I wonder why they didn't do it twenty years ago. But a few weeks ago on a busy Saturday, there was no workforce (naturally) and faulty traffic lights jammed on red with frustrated motorists who wanted to get home, just jumping them at will. It's a wonder that nobody had a shunt! But honestly? No holes in the road, just a bunch of cones protecting a non-existing workforce on their day off. The cones could have been moved and the lights taken down, with no safety issues to motorists. A little forethought on the part of the authorities could save a lot of anger and frustration!

They worked at night when they resurfaced the main road in Corfe Castle, so why the hell could they not work on the Langton Hill junction at night as well as during the day and get the job over quicker?

Now we have "delays likely" on the A351 between Corfe and Wareham from 17th September till 29th March 2019. Wessex Water. Who, in advance of putting down a new water main, have put a few cones down, reduced the speed limit to a laughable 50mph, across a three-mile stretch of road on which – at the date of writing – no road works have been done. No workforce in the road. Just cones and speed limits. At this rate there's no way that they're going to get this done by March 2019. My old dad said to me: "It's the job that isn't started that takes the longest to finish."

Yet more legislation has been passed confirming that anyone caught using a mobile phone whilst driving or whilst the engine is running will lose their driving licence on the spot for three months. No excuse will be accepted

or tolerated by a Police Officer. So, as soon as you get into your car, turn on the Bluetooth on the phone and the car. If you don't have Bluetooth, you have to safely pull over and switch off your engine; then you may answer your mobile phone.

But bear in mind that even though you have pulled over if your engine is running you still face the wrath of the law. So, turn your engine OFF before you pick up that phone – or even better, focus on driving (like the old days) and leave the phone in the boot where you can't hear it until you get to where you're going.

Whilst still having the 'resources' to monitor speeding motorists and boasting on Facebook about their successes in prosecuting motorists using mobile phones, Dorset Police seem unable to halt the ever-increasing spate of vehicle thefts here in Purbeck. In fairness to the Police, they're understaffed and under-resourced whilst faced with an ever-increasing population of people to whom 'grab and go' is a means of making a living and to whom ethics is a county east of London.

Look at their website: https://www.dorsetalert.co.uk/alert_archive and ask yourself how the hell they are supposed to manage in the face of this storm of criminal activity. Then look at your own vehicle security; hide or remove your possessions, satnavs, etc., lock your car, open the empty glove-boxes, set the alarm if you have one. You can no longer do what we used to do – remove the rotor arm – because most modern cars don't have one. Keep your keys hidden in the house. And throw in a prayer or two.

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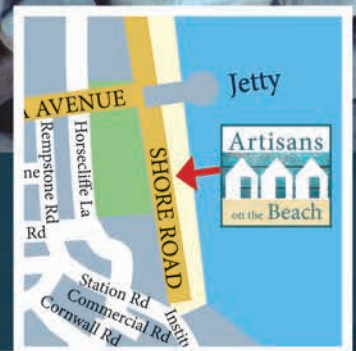


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This year, the Belvedere Singers' concert is supporting Harlequin Care, a local charity dedicated to the wellbeing of unpaid carers. It offers support, counselling and complementary therapy to these hard-working, caring people giving them a chance to relax and to chat with others in the same situation. Please come along to the Belvedere Singers concert for an evening of joyous music and give your support to Harlequin Care through the retiring collection.



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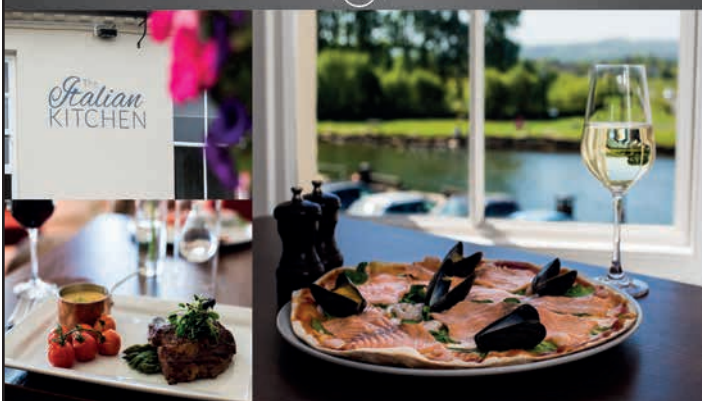
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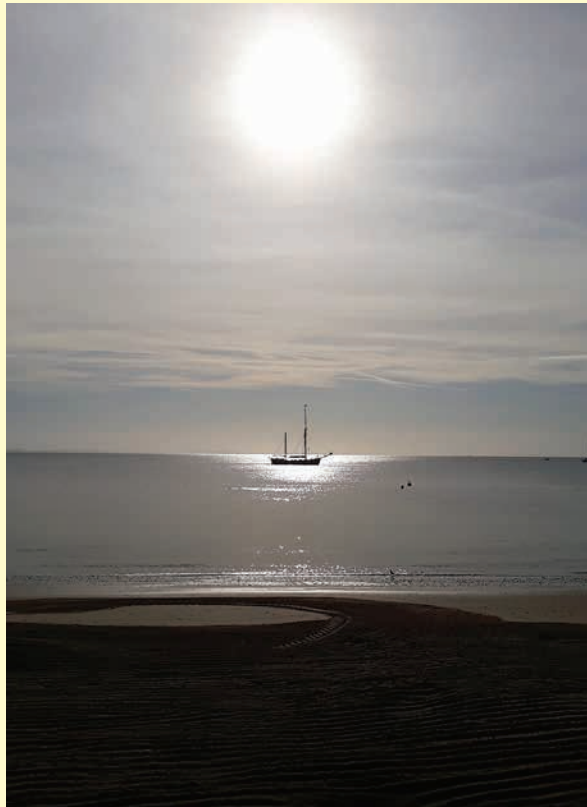
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The Brexit Effect

The whole issue of Brexit has been rumbling on for a couple of years now and will continue to need negotiation and work for many years to come. I think the vast majority who voted in the Brexit vote in June 2016 had absolutely no idea how long it would take and how complicated it would be for the UK to leave the EU. The UK is scheduled to leave the EU on 29th March 2019 although we are currently negotiating a Draft Withdrawal Agreement for a 21-month extension period to smooth the withdrawal process.

What will happen to the value of investments after 29th March 2019? Basically, no-one really knows, and intelligent guesses can only be made based on the various outcomes from No Deal (currently seen as 40% probability) to Soft Brexit to the Chequers deal (somewhere between a 'hard' and 'soft' Brexit) to a Canada style deal to the unlikely prospect of a second vote.

Each of these options results in a different perceived impact on domestically focussed companies, overseas focussed companies, gilts, bonds and cash. So how do you decide what you will think will happen and what impact it will have on your investments? Even if you come to a conclusion, the stockmarket might react in a completely different way than expected.

You could sit on cash, but that could potentially mean missing out on a rise in values plus a pitiful income. Inflation would also be likely to erode the value of that cash. However, if the stockmarket crashed, you would have suffered less of a fall in value. I think the key is to be comfortable with the investments that you hold, ensuring that they are well-diversified and ensuring that you maintain a reasonable sized pot of cash as a cushion and also for any expenses that you are anticipating in the next few years.

If the stockmarket does dip, you need to have your finances in place so that you can ride it out and look at the longer term. In the meantime, you should still receive the dividends on your investments. In my opinion, you should avoid equity-based investments unless you can afford to lose money in the short term. Now is an excellent time to consider the risk of your investments, how comfortable you are with that risk, and whether you need professional help to help manage that risk.

By the time you read this article, we may have more clarity on the situation, but when writing this in early October, everything was still very much 'up in the air'.

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Making Tax Digital – VAT

Research carried out by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales has suggested that over 40% of UK businesses are 'not yet aware' of Making Tax Digital for VAT.

MTD for VAT is set to come into effect from 1 April 2019 for businesses with a taxable turnover above the VAT registration threshold. As part of the initiative, firms will be required to file their VAT returns using MTD-compatible software.

The ICAEW found that just 54% of VAT-registered firms are currently utilising accounting software. If you VAT registered with a turnover in excess of £85,000 this will apply to you and you should be making plans to be compliant as there are now only 6 months before this becomes mandatory.

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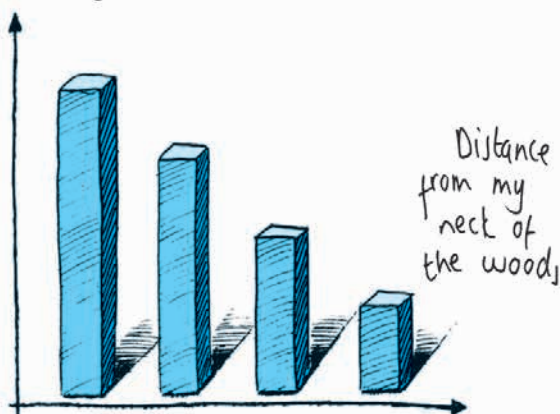
Holiday makers will be pleased to learn that new rules have come into force regarding building your own package holiday. Previously only package holidays bought from a travel agent were covered. The new rules mean that if you purchase two or more travel services such as flights, accommodation, car rental, or other tourist service e.g. a tour, then the new Package Travel Regulations apply and you get the same protection as if it was bought as a complete package from a travel agent. In practice this means that if you visit the web page of an airline and book a flight and they offer you a link to 'our preferred car rental company' or 'our favourite hotels' and you book a car or hotel by following that link then that constitutes a package, proving the second booking (the car or hotel) is booked within 24 hours.

The new rules mean that:

- Holiday makers can cancel their holiday and get their money back in the event of 'unavoidable' events at the destination, such as natural disasters or terrorist attacks.
- Package travellers will also be able to cancel their holiday for any reason by paying a reasonable cancellation fee.
- The organiser of the package in all EU Member States will have to deal with the problem if something goes wrong.
- Traders will be made explicitly liable for booking errors.
- The organiser will have to help travellers in difficulty, for example with information on health services and consular assistance and help make alternative travel plans. For example, travellers will be entitled to extra accommodation for three nights if the return journey can't be carried out on time if there is a natural disaster.
- Guarantees of money back and repatriation if the package organiser goes into liquidation or bankruptcy.

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What Evidence Do I Need Too Make A Claim?



Lorrain Brown from our personal injury team explains how if you are out and about and you have an accident because someone has not ensured proper safety precautions are in place, you may be entitled to compensation.

The biggest reasons for suffering accidents in public are because people have either slipped on wet or slippery floors in public buildings such as supermarkets or bars or tripped on uneven surfaces on pavements or streets.

Slipping or tripping accidents can cause various injuries, some of which can have a serious impact on your health. If you have had an accident of this nature and it wasn't your fault, then you may be able to pursue a claim for compensation for your injuries and associated financial losses.

If you have been injured, obtaining evidence will obviously not be the first thing that springs to mind. It is however essential to support any potential claim.


In slip or trip claims, your legal representative will always need to see evidence of the slip or trip hazard as it was at the time of your accident. If the accident was caused by a spillage in a public building, such as a supermarket, this would ideally consist of a video or a photograph.

If the accident was caused by an uneven paving slab, your legal representative will need to see a photograph of the paving slab showing the depth of the defect with a measuring tape or ruler. This photograph should be taken at street level so that the precise measurement of the depth of the defect is shown correctly and again the photograph should be taken of the defect as it was at the time of your accident, i.e. before the Council has made any repair.

If there were any witnesses to your accident, and they are happy to assist, take their contact details and confirm that you will be in touch with them in due course.

Finally, it is important that you retain any receipts for prescriptions, medical aids, travel costs, etc, that you may have had to purchase, and also keep a note of care and assistance that you may have required, as these items could all form part of a claim for compensation.

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From The Kitchen Garden...



Pumpkin Chutney

By Regula
Wright,
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Autumn is certainly with us, after a high wind all the leaves can be gone in a night and the last harvests of this growing season have been picked or dug up and dry stored. One last push on the BIG physical effort is picking, selling and storing the pumpkins and winter squashes and what a fantastic crop it's been! To be honest, in April/May when I was sowing and re-sowing again and again, I really didn't have high hopes for this year's courgettes, cucumbers and squashes.

Every time wherever I've tried to germinate the seeds, sooner or later some ravenous rodent found them ate the lot or just uprooted the germinating seeds. Once the seedlings were planted out they took off, trailing stems surging forward, creating a dense thicket of greenery and a sea of deep yellow pumpkin flowers. For many weeks I couldn't see what was really going on in all that jungle.

However, the pollinating insects obviously did a fine job, the long hot summer helped too, the greenery captured the sunlight and transformed this energy into a colourful display of nutritious, sweet pumpkins and winter squashes. Now my pumpkin patch is bare of fruit and the chickens, geese, and ducks have a last nibble and a peck before the ground gets worked and either I broadcast a short-term, direct sown winter green manure or I cover the bare ground in a good, thick layer of seaweed mulch.

Last year's seaweed did such a wonderful job on the potato rows. I was so pleased with my seaweed collecting efforts; I just left my (very handy) fork behind-never to be seen again....I shall try not to do it again!

As this growing season draws to a close, I'm very aware nature never keeps still. The daylight hours are shorter and I don't like it much but we're all grateful for a little rest, comfort and in my chicken's case brand new feathers. In my case I'm able to get stuck into some preserving of the bounty.

This chutney goes down very well with a slab of good cheese, smoked cold meats and a hunk of bread....maybe a little glass of cider makes it even more delicious!



Pumpkin Chutney

Ingredients for about 1.5kg finished product

450 g. Pumpkin or winter squash (butternut , crown prince, hubbard etc.) skin taken off and cut into chunks

450 g mixed fruit cut into chunks (apples, pears, peaches or plums)

200 g sultanas or raisins or a mix

100 g fresh ginger root or candied ginger, cut into small pieces

400 g sugar or a bit less if you've used candied ginger

300 ml white wine or cider apple vinegar

1 tsp. allspice berries

½ tsp. whole cloves

About 4 umbels fresh wild fennel seeds

1 piece of cinnamon bark

Method

Heat up oven to 120 C

Put all the spices into a muslin bag, tie it up then hit it with a rolling pin to roughly bruise them into smaller bits

Put pumpkin and fruit chunks together with sultanas, ginger, sugar and vinegar into a wide pan add spice bag and gently cook for about 2 hrs, occasionally giving it a stir

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by John Garner



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What do we know at the moment about climate change? Well, whilst it's a problem for us all as a global economy, the significance for us living on the coast cannot be ignored. We should expect warmer winters and hotter summers. Some folk might like this idea. Some might point to the freezing few weeks we had last winter and a similar prediction for this winter and scoff at climate change speculation.

But it is the overall trend that is important. Big bad Donald may not believe in it, but then he has a brain the size of a pin head, so we shouldn't really (and hope we don't) take any notice of him and his cronies. The statistics don't lie in this case. Sea levels are rising at a rate of 3mm per year. The heatwave we experienced this summer will become a more frequent occurrence. Good for tourism, but not much else.

Rainfall patterns are changing. In short, we seem to be getting too much or not nearly enough, depending on a variety of factors. This is also linked to an increase in temperatures. Mostly though we're getting too much. nine of the seventeen top rainfall months have occurred in the last seventeen years. Records go back over one hundred years.

One of the real effects of this is that by 2050, 1.9 million homes will be at risk of flooding, double the number under threat now. Conversely, times of year when a reasonable amount of rain used to be expected are likely to get very little. Too much at some points causing flooding, too little at others causing drought. To cope there will need to be huge investments from the government on infrastructure to deal with this. And how likely is that? Well as politics largely seems all about the moment about as likely Boris Johnstone not using gimmicks and clichés to tell his particular version of the 'facts.'

Increased temperatures will also bring more vector borne diseases to our shores. Temperature increase allows for species needing these higher

temperatures to extend their range and bring diseases we have hitherto not experienced, such as the Zika virus.

Sigh. Not very encouraging a picture is it? The really frustrating thing about it is that there is something that can be done if there is a concerted world-wide effort. In basic terms, temperatures have risen by about 1% since 1970 and due to the greenhouse gas effect, these will continue to rise. The only way to stop this is by cutting emissions.

Whilst we wait for the captains of industry and our political representatives to help sort the situation out there are things we can do ourselves. I'm certainly not here to tell you what you need to do. That would be condescending at best. But small changes can make a difference in all sorts of ways. Using a more efficient mode of transport being just one. There I go stating the obvious again. Less obvious might be the things you eat and how they get to the table. A more seasonally reflective shopping basket removes the need for the huge amount of air miles associated with lots of foods these days. And there I go again.

I loved the summer. I was out all the time enjoying the weather. I didn't even mind digging in to my pockets for the extra outlay that a pale skinned chap such as myself needs to spend on sun cream. Most of it is gone which is a new experience. I'm usually left with two thirds of it breaking down in the tube through the winter months. Having said that, I would almost definitely have enjoyed my summer if it had rained a bit more and been cooler.

It's not necessary for most of us to have record temperatures to be able to say it was a great summer. Great summers are about experiences and enjoyment. Sometimes the heat helps, sometimes it doesn't. Where it really doesn't help is long term.

As I write the warm weather continues. It's mid-October. Storms are forecast and are on the way. Let's just hope that their intensity is manageable and that we can all do something to help keep them manageable. And that the word 'storm' is used less frequently in the future and more as a description of the weather and less as a metaphor for the future.

P.S. As I write this, one of the fiercest storms ever to hit America is battering Florida with winds of over 250kph. Yesterday (October 10th), a temperature of 26 degrees was registered in Southern England, one of the warmest ever for this time of year.



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Fracking Vote

Councillors vote on fracking consultations

County councillors voted on 17th October on two consultations from central government which will inform the future of shale gas extraction in the UK.

Elected Members were asked to consider a report which outlined two major consultations; the first is from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and is seeking views on the Government's proposals to introduce permitted development rights for the exploration phase of shale gas development (non-hydraulic fracturing only). Proposals for on-shore shale gas development phases, including any development involving fracking, would still require planning consent in the usual way.

A further consultation from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), is asking whether major shale gas development should be included within the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects planning regime (NSIP). This means applications would be determined by the Secretary of State rather than the local (mineral) planning authority.

In two separate votes members objected to the MHCLG proposals regarding its consultation and have asked the BEIS for more clarity and justification on its proposals. In considering the BEIS proposal, county councillors felt that the case for dealing with major shale gas developments as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects had not been fully justified. In particular, they queried why shale gas would be treated differently to conventional onshore oil and gas development. They also wanted more clarity about the definition of 'major' shale gas development.

Cllr Daryl Turner, Cabinet Member for the Natural and Built environment said in a statement: "We have done the right thing today by objecting to the MHCLG's proposals and asking for full justification from the BEIS."

Dorset has not seen any applications for shale gas development, nor is there any indication that shale gas resources would be a viable source of energy here. Nevertheless, the county council has extensive experience of dealing with conventional hydrocarbons – notably at Wytch Farm in Purbeck – and there are matters in these consultations relevant to the county council's role as the Mineral Planning Authority.

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From Goldfish Bowl to Relaxing Oasis

When I visit town gardens particularly fairly new ones I am always struck by the horizontal lines running throughout one's view.

The owner's fence, the neighbours brick courses, the roof ridge line, the fascia boards, the window lintels and sills etc. Then there is the overlooking from windows and the feeling of being on display when you are in your garden and wherever you are in your garden

Planting the right tree will alleviate both these problems giving you privacy but also a much more pleasing outlook. A tree also provides shelter from wind, cool shade in summer and encourages wild life.

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Despite all these benefits, people are often worried about tree roots, falling leaves and eventual size. Size is not an issue if the correct selection is made at the time of purchase, roots are only an issue on clay soils and where drains and buildings are older than 1980 (take advice) and fallen leaves



really are small price to pay for all the fantastic benefits a tree can bring. Evergreen or deciduous? In most situations I would choose a deciduous tree for the simple reason that in winter when you spend less time outside and the angle of the sun is lower, a tree with no leaves lets in more light but in summer it will provide the privacy, shade, interest and wildlife benefits you want.

When deciding on which trees to plant also consider the tree shape and size, leaf colour, fruit, flower, autumn colour, soil type and wind tolerance. Although trees can be planted at any time of year, November and December are the months when soil temperatures are still warm but the air temperature is much cooler and this differential triggers lots of root growth helping your new tree to establish more quickly.

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As the autumn migration continues, unusual sights can include the likes of a Short-Eared Owl. Sparrow hawks have been known to visit and indeed have been unintentionally captured by the Stour Valley Ringing Group. Over the meadows Starlings can continue to weave and dive. Durlston can see several hundred Woodpigeon massing whilst scatterings of Siskin, Redwing, Fieldfare and Meadow Pipit pass through.

Troublings or charms of Goldfinches can fill the air with their jangling calls and brighten the sky with their crimson and gold plumage.

Meanwhile, on the sea cliffs it is possible to see a small bazaar of Guillemots huddled into the cave ledge. These autumn visitors are simply inspecting their future nest site. So, whilst we may daily see similar number of these sea birds, the actual individuals change regularly.

For those looking for Christmas gift ideas, there is the chance to glass engrave your own Christmas card. Or perhaps through the 'Watercolour for Beginners' workshop you might work towards a bigger gift for someone?

Our own shop has a range of gifts, your choice will be boosted by the "Durlston at Christmas" event. Not only will there be a selection of Christmas gifts from local producers, but Seventhwave will have on offer mulled wine and mince pies, all of which will be accompanied by carol singers and other festive fun. Why not have a pre-Christmas treat and enjoy the FB Pocket Orchestra, who play hot jazz, blues, ragtime and popular dances of the 1920/30s?

November will be exciting as all of our new Durlston Pleasure Grounds staff will be in place. Project 'Apprentice Izzy' will be joined by the Project Officer, Community Ranger and Part Time Administrative Assistant!

Why not go on the Durlston Pleasure Grounds tour to find out more about the project? Otherwise, you can get an insight into Durlston's history at our in-house exhibition celebrating the work of George Burt and John Mowlem. Do visit our website or read our events leaflet for further details!

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30th Swanage Blues Festival!



The 30th Swanage Blues Festival - 4-7 October 2018

What a great weekend! So many talented people, delighted fans and – their words – friendly locals and welcoming venues. A superb time was had by all, and Swanage was Star of the Show as usual.

It's a great weekend to make new friends and greet old ones. I bumped into a couple who got engaged at a Swanage Blues Festival last year, then married in the Town Hall here in March; and I had the pleasure of meeting two guys who were in a band with me when we were still at school in the 60s.

One of them brought along his 90+ year old Mum, Gwen. True story: when I was 16 I sang and played harmonica, but I wanted to take up a more serious musical instrument. It was Gwen who wisely persuaded me to relinquish my dreams of playing the double bass (!) and take up the piano

instead. I owe her a great deal! Many thanks also to Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust for the use of The Centre, where we showed *Suburban Steps To Rockland*, a film about the club in Ealing which gave birth to British Rock Music. There was a full house and a fascinating Question and Answer session with the Director and Terry Marshall, who worked with his father to develop the legendary Marshall Amplifiers.

While here over the weekend Terry also played in a blues jam with fellow saxophonist Tom Waters, when Tom and his Dad, pianist Ben Waters – who has played with Jools Holland and the Rolling Stones – came along late one evening to check out the festival. If they'd come earlier, they'd have witnessed the wild acrobatics of Jump 66, amazing instruments of Doctor Slideshow, and mind-blowing originality of Mark Harrison, all newbies to Swanage courtesy of my old mate Robert Hokum.

New to the festival, but not to Swanage, were Tweed Jacket Music in charge of the Open Mic sessions at the Red Lion – the same team we've been having at The Legion on the third Thursday in the month. They're tied in with Absolute Music, the mega music store in Bournemouth, and syndicate across Dorset. They did a marvellous job this festival and will be coming back next year.

As for the future, I've been talking to a lot of musicians, other promoters and festival organisers, and I'm ready to go with a new festival in June 2019. The idea is to attract musicians of all genres for a weekend of open mic and jam sessions, work shops, displays by specialist instrument makers, and multi-genre concerts. Working title is Purbeck Jam.

Swanage Blues Festival dates for next year are 28 February to 3 March, and 3 to 6 October 2019.

You can contact me (Steve Darrington) via the website www.swanage-blues.org by phone on 01929 422338, drop a letter into the Swanage Information Centre on Shore Road or email s.darrington@btopenworld.com Pictures by Paul of DubbelXposure Photography



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The role of T.E. Lawrence has been played by Peter O'Toole, Ralph Fiennes and more recently, Robert Pattinson, in Werner Herzog's "Queen of the Desert". Lawrence After Arabia has cast Bournemouth actor Tom Barber Duffy in the title role, having searched for an actor with the intensity for the role and who could play a younger and older Lawrence. Tom trained formally as an actor at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, where he attained a Masters in Acting for Screen. Here he completed his first feature film, "The Befuddled Box of Betty Buttifant" and started writing and directing his own short films.

Since graduating, Tom has played a number of theatre roles and starred

in his second feature film "Anti Matter" playing the male lead, Nate. "Anti-Matter" has gone on to be screened at festivals, most notably Raindance, and had a theatrical release in the US, and on-demand and DVD release in the UK. Tom has completed a number of short films, had a role in the film "Imitation Game" and roles in TV including "Downton Abbey" and "Tank Men".

Other actors in the film include Nicole Ansari Cox (wife of actor Brian Cox) playing Sarah Lawrence (TE Lawrence's mother) and Dorset based Celia Muir, Steve Rollins, Rick Savery, Russell Biles and Mervyn Sutter.

While the film has raised its Pre-production and Production budget, the Post-production costs are to be raised by "angels" - film lovers who want to be part of movie making history. In exchange for a small investment, sponsors will be credited as Associate Producers, appear as an extra or watch filming. We are also searching for corporate sponsors.

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MIU - Winter advice

Our Minor Injuries Unit nurses have been kind enough to pass on some advice about preventing and dealing with accidents this winter.

At this time of year, coughs, colds, and vomiting bugs are common. The best way of reducing your chances of picking up these viruses is to remember to wash your hands regularly, using warm soapy water. Teach your children to wash their hands, especially when they are at school and before they have lunch and snack breaks.

To help avoid falls, take extra care when the ground is made slippery by mud, wet leaves or ice. When it's icy, ask yourself whether you actually need to go out that day. If you do, then consider going later in the day when the ice has melted.

A shin wound is frequently caused by an open dishwasher door, or similar. Make sure the door is closed as soon as the dishwasher is stacked or emptied. Shin wounds are best seen as soon as possible at the Minor Injuries Unit, as without prompt treatment they can develop complications. Again, do not use creams or any dry dressings, which may stick - the best first aid is wrapping the area with a clean wet cloth.

During windy weather, it is common to get small things blown into your eyes. If this happens then wash the eye out (tap water is as good as anything for this), ideally using a shower hose. If this doesn't improve things then it's best to attend Minor Injuries as soon as practicable.

If you have an open fire or wood burner then make sure you have

a functioning carbon monoxide alarm as fumes can build up in your home, particularly with no ventilation. Be careful when chopping wood or kindling and make sure there are no distractions while you are doing this. Do not hold wood with your hand when using an axe, but support it between other pieces of wood. Ensure that you do not rush or get distracted when lighting the fire, or replenishing the logs.

Another common injury is burns from ovens. Make sure you use oven gloves which are thick enough to prevent burns and again, take your time and don't get distracted when taking things out of the oven.

If you sustain a burn or scald, don't ignore it. Run the affected area under cold water for at least twenty minutes; do not use ice as it can cause frostbite.

Do not apply creams to the burn - wrap it with cling film and attend Minor Injuries for an assessment.

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Dr de Waal is also a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology - one of only a few outside the USA.

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Sport

Swanage Football Club

Walking football (see photo) is going from strength to strength. Dorset Football Association are starting a league this month where we will be competing against four other teams; Dexters, Weymouth, Dorchester and AFC Bournemouth. We will play each team both at home and away. We have a new kit which was kindly sponsored by Purbeck Embroidery.

On the 21st September, we played three of Dexter's teams to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK, winning two of the games 4:0 and 1:0 and drawing the other 0:0. It was a great evening playing at Dorset FA headquarters in Hamworthy on their 3g pitch. We helped to raise £83 on the evening.

We run three sessions a week: Tuesday mornings 10-11:30am for men, Tuesday evenings 7:30-9pm for women and Thursday evenings 7-8:30pm for men. We are always looking for new players who would like to give it a go, have fun and meet new people. We offer the first session free then it is just £3 a session thereafter.

Walking football is aimed at over 50s and disabled players of any age who are unable to play the running game for the men and over 40s for the women. It has become one of the fastest growing sports, with over 1000 clubs in England now running weekly sessions.

If you would like to give it a go, please contact our Head of Walking Football at the Club, Nick Surman on mobile: 07742 508215 or by email: nico74@talktalk.net

The first team recently suffered FA Vase heartache, losing 3-0 against Longwell Green Sports of The Western League Division 1 at Day's Park in the 2nd qualifying round.

We produced a disappointing performance in this eagerly awaited tie and were behind after six minutes, Ali Bamford slotting home. Swans custodian Dan Beeston kept us in the tie with some smart saves, however it was the team from the higher league who looked likely to add to their score and on thirty-one minutes, Danny Carter doubled his side's lead H.T. 0-2.

The tie was over as a contest when substitute Lewis Bond-Kendall added the third after fifty-three minutes. The rest of the match was well controlled by the visitors with the Swans offering very little of a threat to The Greens superiority.

Manager Tim Brown was very disappointed with his side's performance and said: "We didn't turn up and didn't compete." This was a disappointing outcome for this eagerly awaited game.



We have received a bye in the 1st round of the Dorset Senior Cup. This cup is where we challenge the biggest clubs in Dorset – such as the likes of Poole Town, Weymouth and so on. It would be nice to have a home tie and to also have a bumper crowd at Day's Park. Keep an eye on our website or Twitter feed for the date of the second round dates.

In the league you'll have to go back to the 11th August to see our last defeat. When we lost at home 1-3 to Holt Utd. Since then we have played eight games, winning three and drawing five.

Our Reserve side have had a slow start to the season with only a win and a draw in our opening six games. There are many encouraging signs though for this very young side.

Recently we shared the points with Portland Town in Dorset League Division 1.

Sam Peacock fired the Swans ahead after eight minutes, following good work from Dunster and Rose-Moore. Both sides created chances and it required a smart save from the Swans custodian George Taylor to protect the half time lead. H.T. 1-0.

The visitors equalised from the penalty spot ten minutes into the second half. Both sides battled for the win with Rose-Moore and Willcocks going close for the Swans, however a draw was a fair result over ninety minutes in an entertaining Division 1 clash.

Come on you Swans! John Peacock

The Purbeck Gazette - Proudly Supporting The Swans

Swanage Bowls Club Update

Promoted to Section 1 of the Bournemouth and District Saturday Mixed Triples League at the end of last season, the Swanage team followed up with a further successful campaign this term.

Competing at the higher standard of play the team finished in a creditable mid table position thereby retaining a place in the top section for next season.

Our ladies did exceptional well to reach the Final of the Edna Paisley league, playing Blandford Ladies at Wimborne. This was a tight match in which the team won one rink, lost on the other but unfortunately lost on the overall score. In the Dorset Ladies Bowling League our team won 9 of their matches and lost 5, resulting in a mid-table position at the end of the season.

In the Percy Baker Triples League Final, the Swanage Men's team faced tough opposition from Wellworthy. After a tense and nail-biting match

Swanage came out victors with a 36 – 31 win, carrying away a well-earned trophy for the Swanage Trophy Cabinet!

Swanage won seven, drew one and lost six of their matches in the men's Dorset League Division this season, but despite some good wins this was not enough to escape relegation to Division 4. This means long distance fixtures for the team next year, including Fordingbridge and Ringwood.

The final matches of the season will see the Club's championships decided. Great fun and rivalry is expected, perhaps with a few "upsets" on the cards! Read next month's report for the final round up of the playing season.

Please take a look at our Facebook page; Swanage bowls Club or visit our website www.swanagebowlingclub.org.uk.

You can also contact our Club Secretary, Barrie Tatman on 01929 421162 or our President Brian Beeston on 01929 289084 for more information.

Spotlight Event Diary

Diary Entries are FREE if your event is FREE. If you charge, then it's £5 plus VAT per entry, per month. DEADLINE for DEC is noon, 8th NOV

KEY: * = Start time not known or n/a; Ffi = for further information; Sw = Swanage; Wm = Wareham; VH = Village Hall, Telephone code 01929 unless otherwise stated.

NOVEMBER 2018

Silent Solders.

By Frank Roberts.

Positioned at the entrance to Swanage



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| <p>Thu 1st
* 1918-2018 An Exhibition to mark the centenary of the end of the first world war at the Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre.</p> <p>20:00 Candle-lit Community Gathering Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, in St. Mary's Church, Swanage. All welcome.</p> <p>Fri 2nd
* 1918-2018 An Exhibition To mark the centenary of the end of the first world war at the Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre.</p> <p>12:00 Monday Lunchtime Concert Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Herston Cross. Wartime songs concert, & two-course buffet lunch, £5.</p> <p>Sat 3rd
* 1918-2018 An Exhibition To mark the centenary of the end of the first world war at the Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre.</p> <p>* Cider Festival At the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229</p> <p>10:00 Poppy, Coffee & Crafts Day Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, at Swanage Royal British Legion.</p> <p>10:00 Swanage Hospital Autumn Fayre In the hospital. Cakes, raffle, tombola, teas, crafts, cards, books.</p> <p>10:00 Autumn Fayre At Swanage Hospital. Cakes, produce, teas, coffees and raffle.</p> <p>11:00 'Love Swanage' At The Swanage School. Free bushcraft sessions, nature activities, stalls, displays, games and exhibits. Food & refreshments. Ffi: litterfreecoastandsea.co.uk</p> <p>14:00 Open Afternoon at Wareham United Reformed Church The varied users of the church premises will be sharing their activities. Watch demonstrations in dance and keep-fit, youth activities, etc. Enjoy Wareham Town Band and refreshments. Activities available for children. Ffi:T: 459440</p> <p>17:00 "For Whom the Bell Tolls" Wareham Choral Society Come -and -sing at Lady St Mary Church, Wareham. Registration at 1.45, rehearsal 2.15, performance at 5pm. Admission £10 for singers on the door, audience admission free.</p> <p>21:00 Rock 'n' Roll Dance At The Legion, Swanage. Tickets £5, licensed bar.</p> <p>Sun 4th
* 1918-2018 An Exhibition To mark the centenary of the end of the first world war at the Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre.</p> <p>14:00 Mairearhad Green & Anna Massie Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229</p> <p>18:30 Festival of Remembrance Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, at Weymouth Pavillion.</p> <p>19:30 The Spats Langham 'Hot Fingers' Trio At Harmans Cross Village Hall. Tickets £10 available from the Swanage Jazz Club Treasurer. Ffi: 01929 422215</p> <p>Mon 5th
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* 1918-2018 An Exhibition To mark the centenary of the end of the first world war at the Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre.</p> <p>10:00 Poppy Exhibition Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Herston Cross.</p> <p>19:30 Potted History of WW1 Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, a talk by Frank Roberts at Swanage British Legion.</p> <p>Fri 9th
* 1918-2018 An Exhibition To mark the centenary of the end of the first world war at the Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre.</p> <p>10:00 Poppy Exhibition Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Herston Cross.</p> <p>14:30 Afternoon Singalong Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Herston Cross.</p> <p>19:30 Evening of Stories & Song Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, at the Mowlem Theatre - Rep Theatre Group return for the evening.</p> <p>20:00 The Honey Dewdrops Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229</p> <p>Sat 10th
* 1918-2018 An Exhibition To mark the centenary of the end of the first world war at the Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre.</p> <p>09:00 Veteran's Breakfast Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, (limited spaces), at the British Legion, Swanage, please book in advance.</p> <p>10:00 Poppy Exhibition Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Herston Cross.</p> <p>10:30 Hand made Art and Crafts By the Makers at St Edwards Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Free Entry. Hot drinks and Cake available. Facebook "Art and Crafts Fairs at St Edwards Hall, Swanage." Ffi karen@karenboniface.plus.com or patsypeanut@gmail.com "</p> <p>14:00 Studland History Group In the Village Hall. 100 Years On – 1918-2018. A Tribute to the Men and Women of Studland who served in WW1 and WW2 by . A talk, displays of memorabilia, tea and cake. Proceeds to the Remembrance Garden at St Nicholas Church. Ffi the Secretary 01929 439245.</p> <p>19:30 Remembrance Social Evening Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, with Bournemouth band 'Runaway' at Swanage British Legion.</p> <p>20:00 Martha Tilston, S. Wookey Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229</p> |
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Sun 11th

* **1918-2018 An Exhibition** To mark the centenary of the end of the first world war at the Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre.

06:00 **Remembrance Sunday - Bagpipes at Dawn** Part of Swanage Eleven Days of Remembrance.

11:00 **Two Minutes Silence** Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Swanage.

14:00 **Remembrance Parade** Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, on Shore rd, Swanage.

15:00 **Church Service** Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, at St Mary's Church, Swanage.

16:00 **Wreath Laying** Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, at Swanage War Memorial.

18:55 **The Last Post** Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, at Swanage War Memorial.

19:00 **Beacons of Light** Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, at Swanage War Memorial and Ballard Down.

19:05 **Ringin' Out For Peace** Part of Eleven Days of Remembrance, at Swanage War Memorial.

Wed 14th

19:00 **Swanage Area Forum Community News Fair.** At The Emmanuel Church Centre, Swanage.

Thu 15th

19:30 **Cinderella & The Pantomime Thief** At Corfe Castle Village Hall. Matinee on the 17th at 2pm. Adults £9, Children £6, OAPs £7 (15th only), from Corfe Castle Village Stores & the box office on 01929 480323.

Fri 16th

19:30 **Cinderella & The Pantomime Thief** At Corfe Castle Village Hall. Matinee on the 17th at 2pm. Adults £9, Children £6, OAPs £7 (15th only), from Corfe Castle Village Stores & the box office on 01929 480323.

19:30 **Purbeck Railway Circle** Meets at Harmans Cross Village Hall for "The Southern Region since 1954": a presentation by Michael Baker. Refreshments and railway raffle. Doors open 7pm. Ffi 421 913. Everyone is welcome.

Sat 17th

10:00 **Christmas Craft & Gift Fair** At Langton Matravers Village Hall. Local Crafts, Home Produce, Gifts, Refreshments. Entry £1

11:00 **Carey Crafters At Carey Hall**, Mistover rd, Wareham. Supporting Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation (young carers). Refreshments, 'name the doll' and raffle

19:30 **Cinderella & The Pantomime Thief** At Corfe Castle Village Hall. Matinee on the 17th at 2pm. Adults £9, Children £6, OAPs £7 (15th only), from Corfe Castle Village Stores & the box office on 01929 480323.

19:30 **Concert for Children in Need** Variety night at the Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets £8, Cons £7, Children £5 from the box office on: 01929 422239.

20:00 **Slocan Ramblers** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

Sun 18th

* **Kingston Maurwood College Open Morning** Pre- register now at kmc.ac.uk/courseinfo/

14:00 **Swanage Area Forum** Special November Filmshow. Oh! What a Lovely War, commemorating 10 year anniversary of the end of WW1. At Swanage Day Centre, High st, Swanage.

Wed 21st

14:30 **Studland History Group** Meets in the Village Hall for a talk by Martin Churchill, "The Churchill Family, in the Village and Area We Love". All welcome. Ffi the Secretary 01929 439245.

19:30 **Wareham & District Archaeology & Local History Soc** Meetings held at Wareham Town Hall. Ben Buxton - Archaeological adventures in Orkney and beyond

Sat 24th

13:00 **Putlake Christmas Market** Craft stalls, cakes, Santa's grotto, local produce, mulled wine, hot food and drinks, christmas trees and wreaths and much more! For a stall ring Karen: 01929 423102.

20:00 **Honey & The Bear** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

Mon 26th

10:00 **Wareham Area Seniors' Forum** At Carey Hall, Mistover rd, Wareham. A short AGM followed by Christmas festivities with the Monday Nightingales. Coffe, tea, homemade cakes. All 50+ welcome!

Wed 28th

14:00 **Moors at Arne - Public Exhibition** At Wareham Town Hall. You are welcome to come and find out more about how the Moors at Arne Coastal Change Project could look.

Fri 30th

20:00 **Cam Penner & Jon Wood** Live acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

DECEMBER

Sat 1st

* **Arty Bazaar** At The Boilerhouse Gallery, next to Corfe Castle Station.

* **Artisans on the Beach** At the Swanage Beach Huts, Shore rd. Local, unique, hand crafted items for sale every weekend in December.

19:30 **The Belvedere Singers** At St Mary's Church, Swanage. Tickets £10 - from Albury & Hall or on the door, under 18's free

Wed 5th

19:30 **Wareham & District Archaeology & Local History Soc** Meetings held at Wareham Town Hall. Festive Xmas Meeting with mince pies and raffle. Gordon Le Pard - A Day in a Georgian House – nothing like home for real comfort.

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

09.00 **U3A Table Tennis Group** meet at Harmans Cross VH.

09.30 **Under 2.5 years old group.** Till 11am. at Parish Hall, Wm.

09.45 **Toddler Club** URC, Sw. Till 11.15

10.00 **Table Tennis Club** Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 480093

10.30 **Flowers with Liz** at the Purbeck Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. Unit 6, Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Rd, Wool. BH20 6HG. www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776907. Email: richris95@gmail.com

13.00 **Play and Learn** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Till 2.45pm

Under 1s and Tums at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 3pm

14.00 **Pins and Needles** at Harmans Cross VH.

14.00 **Swanage Disabled Club** meet until 4pm. Meeting place alternates between Catholic Hall & Queensmead Hall, Sw. Transport available. Call Mrs Daphne Saville on 01929 425241 ffi.

16.45 **Soccer Skills** Sw FC First Sch chldn £1 Till 5.45. 425175

18.00 **Lesbian and Gay Friendship Group** meets every Monday evening for social events and shared interests, such as meals, walking and outings. Ffi: contact Karen via email: outinpurbeck@gmail.com

18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 7pm

18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 8.30pm.

19.00 **Wareham Choral Society** meet URC Meeting House, Chch St, Wm. Till 9. New singers always welcome. 554229/553460

19.00 **Swanage Youth Club.** School year 10 and upwards. Till 9.30pm

19.00 **Whist.** Come & join us at the Reading Room, Church Hill, Swanage. Ffi, call 07984 968733

19.00 **Purbeck Chess Club.** Mortons House Hotel, Corfe Castle. Ffi, call Steve Peirson on 01929 552504.

19.30 **Purbeck Quire** rehearse at Wm Methodist Church. New/visiting singers (no audition necessary). String & wind players also welcome. Ffi: 423505 or 480737.

19.30 **Wareham Art Club Workshop** at Wareham Parish Hall. Ffi: 553718.

19.30 **Wm Folk Dance Club** Stoboro' VH. All welcome. 552763/551029

19.30 **Swanage Badminton Club** at the Swanage School, till 9.30pm. Ffi: 07966 136641.

19.30 **Swanage Air Cadets** meet at Air Training Corps HQ, Court Road, Sw. Cadets age 12+. Ffi: email: oc.2185@aircadets.mod.

20.00 **DARTS** at the RBL Club, Sw.

20.00 **Herston Hall Management C'ttee Bingo**

EVERY TUESDAY

09.00 **First Steps Toddler's Group.** Swanage Methodist Church till 10.15am. Ffi: Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours, or sylviag@swanagemethodist.org.uk

09.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 10am

09.30 **Isle of Purbeck Arts Club.** Painting and sketching. At the Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Till 1pm. Outdoors in summer. Ffi: Gina on 421689.

09.30 **Well Baby Clinic** at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 11.30am.

09.30 **Kiddies Corner Mother & Toddler Group** (term time only) No fee - donations welcome. Purbeck Gateway Church. 551415

09.30 **Wareham Art Club Workshop** at Wareham Parish Hall. Ffi: 553718.

10.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 11.30am.

10.00 **Wareham Croquet Club** meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Tony on 01929 550190 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com

10.00 **Sandford Toddlers** at Sandford Community Hall, till 11.30am.

10.00 **Short Tennis** at Sw FC All ages & abilities £1.50 Till noon. 425175

10.00 **A Place Of Welcome** at 21 Commercial Road, Sw. Friendly drop-in for everyone, providing a free cup of tea or coffee, a listening ear, conversation and basic information. Everyone welcome, whatever the circumstances.

10.30 **Swanage Walking for Health Group** starter walks (15-30mins). Start from the Mowlem Shelter on Swanage Seafront. Get back into the swing of things gently! Ffi: 481000

10.30 **First Steps Toddler's Group.** Swanage Methodist Church till 11.45am. Ffi: Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours, or sylviag@swanagemethodist.org.uk

10.30 **Wareham Walkers.** Convivial health walks for mainly older people, of up to two hours in and around Wareham, ending with coffee at a local tea room or pub. Ffi: www.wareham-walkers.org.uk or call 552933.

12.00 **Nature Tots** (0-4yrs) at Bovington Memorial Hall Garden. Until 2pm

14.00 **Swanage Walking for Health Group.** Walks of 60-90mins, various locations.

- Walks are very social, for a range of abilities. Walks start from car parks at Studland, Corfe, Arne, Durlston, Langton, Acton, Worth and Kingston. Ffi: 481000.
- 14.00 **Harman's Cross Village Hall Art Group** Till 5
- 14.00 **Wareham Short Mat Bowls**. Furzebrook VH. Roll-up session, all standards welcome. Ffi 401799
- 14.30 **Local Historian takes you on a town walk** around Swanage, lasting 1 1/2 hours. No need to book, just turn up in the Swanage Museum in the Square, voluntary contributions welcome.
- 18.00 **Sw Youth Centre Girls' Night** (Yr 8+) Till 10
- 18.15 **Sw Cricket Club** Practice till 8.30pm
- 18.30 **Sw Bridge Club** Mowlem Community Room. 421840
- 19.00 **Wareham Air Cadets** meet at Air Training Corps HQ, St Martin's Lane, Wm. Cadets age 12+. Ffi: email: oc.2185@aircadets.mod.
- 19.30 **Swanage Group of Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at Swanage Day Centre, High Street, Swanage. If you want help to stop drinking, you are welcome. Or call 01202 296000 for more details.
- 19.30 **Sw & Langton Folk Dance Club** Langton VH. Ffi: 421913
- 19.00 **Belvedere Singers** rehearsal at St Mark's CE VA Primary School, High St, Sw. Parking on-site. Till 9pm. All singers welcome! 423350.
- 20.00 **Carey Hall, Wm Bingo**
- EVERY WEDNESDAY**
- 09.00 **St Mark's Toddlers Group**, St Mark's Church, Swanage. Herston, Sw Till 11am
- 09.45 **Corfe Wool Workshop** Corfe VH, East St. Members £1.50; non-members £2.50. Till 12.00. 427067
- 10.00 **Short tennis for adults at Swanage Football Club**. All welcome. Equipment supplied. Till noon.
- 10.00 **Breast Feeding Group** at Wareham's Children Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Offering peer support and breastfeeding counsellor advice. Till 12 noon. Ffi: 552864
- 10.30 **Play and Learn at Kids of Wool** (BH20 6DY) until 12 noon.
- 13.00 **Studland Toddler Group** at Studland Village Hall until 2.30pm.
- 14.00 **Herston Senior Citizens** meet Herston Hall, Jubilee Rd, Sw. All welcome
- 14.00 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation**. Till 3pm. With Penny at the Mowlem Community Room, Sw. Ffi 07969925502
- 14.30 **Local Historian takes you on a town walk** around Swanage, lasting 1 1/2 hours. No need to book, just turn up in the Swanage Museum in the Square, voluntary contributions welcome.
- 15.00 **Extend Exercise Class**, now at Morton Village Hall. To improve strength, balance and flexibility. All welcome. Donations welcome. Ffi: 471490.
- 16.15 **Swanage Football Club U-7s** Training til 5.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 17.15 **Swanage Football Club U-9s** Training til 6.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 7pm
- 18.00 **Swanage Youth Club**. School years 7&8. Till 8.30pm
- 18.00 **Table Tennis** at Harmans Cross Village Hall. All ages & abilities welcome. £2.50 per session. Ffi: 424591
- 18.45 **Sw Hockey Club** Training Wm Sports Centre. Till 8. 424442
- 19.00 **Wm Bridge Club** at the Library, South St. 552046
- 19.00 **Swanage Town Band** meet for our weekly practice in the Council Chamber, Swanage Town Hall. New musicians warmly welcomed. Please call David Cook (musical Director) for further information on: 01929 422909.
- 19.15 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Crows Nest, Sw. 4/5 mile run.
- 19.30 **Swanage Musical Theatre** meet Swanage Bay View Complex Rehearsal Room. All welcome. Ffi: 426161
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club Night** (Yr 9+) Till 10
- 20.15 **Dorset Buttons Morris Practice**. URC Hall, Wm. 423234/421130
- 20.30 **Wm Swimming Club Adults**. All standards + stroke improvement. Till 10
- 22.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club Night** (16+) Till 11.59
- EVERY THURSDAY**
- 08.30 **Wm Home Producers Veg, cakes, plants, flowers, handicrafts**. URC. New producers/helpers welcome. Till 11. 553798
- 08.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 9.30am.
- 09.00 **Swanage Painting Club**. Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Friendly group. New members including beginners welcome. Till 1pm. Ffi: Jane on 01929 427078
- 09.30 **Play and Learn** at Chapel Lane, Swanage, till 11am.
- 09.30 **Well Baby Clinic** at Streche Road, Wareham, until 12 noon.
- 09.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 11am.
- 09.30 **Sensory Play** for under ones, at Bovington Centre until 10.30am
- 10.00 **Wm Parent & Toddler Group** During term Parish Hall, Quay Till 11.45. 556806
- 10.00 **Wool Country Market** D'Urville Hall. Cakes, preserves, plants, crafts, vegetables. Coffee & biscuits available.
- 10.00 **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** at Queensmead Hall, Sw. Til 11am. Adm 50p
- 10.00 **Volunteer Centre Drop-In** at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find out about volunteering to support community groups & charities.
- 10.00 **Wareham Croquet Club** meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Tony on 01929 550190 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com
- 10.15 **Chess** at the Cafe Tratt, Lower High Street, Swanage (from 8th February 2018). Call in for a friendly game of chess and a chat. All welcome.
- 10.30 **Mid-Week Market Morning Service** URC, Church St, Wm. Prayer requests to Revd. Simon Franklin 556976
- 10.30 **Woodworking** with Bernard and Terry at the Purbeck Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. Unit 6, Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Rd, Wool. BH20 6HG. www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776907. Email: richris95@gmail.com
- 11.00 **Sensory Play** for 1-4yrs old at Bovington Centre, until 12 noon.
- 13.30 **Under 1 year olds** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Anti-natal mums welcome. Till 3pm. Ffi: 552864.
- 13.30 **Toddler Group**. All Saints' Church, Sw. 423937. Till 3pm (Term times)
- 14.00 **Studland Chair-based Exercise** in the Village Hall, Studland. Ffi: Julie on 558139 or email: jbrad@uwclub.net
- 14.15 **Sw Over-60s** Meet in the Rectory Classroom, Swanage, Sw. All Welcome.
- 16.00 **Studland Chair-based Exercise** in the Village Hall, Studland. Ffi: Julie on 01929 558139 or email: jbrad@uwclub.net
- 17.45 **Swanage Youth Club**. Learning Difficulties and disability (age 11-25) night. Till 7.30pm
- 18.00 **Five High Singers**, United Reformed Church Hall, Swanage. 11 - 18 years. Till 7pm
- 18.00 **Isle of Purbeck Arts Club**. Weekly evening Art Group. Aimed at beginners, at the Youth Hostel classroom, Cluny Crescent, Swanage, till 9pm.
- 18.15 **Sw Cricket Club** Practice till 9pm
- 18.30 **Swanage Sea Rowing Club Circuit Training** at Swanage Middle School. Ffi: 07776 201455
- 19.00 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation**. Till 8pm. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502
- 19.00 **Purbeck Gateway Club** meets at Wareham Youth Centre until 9pm. Purbeck Gateway is a club for adults with learning difficulties. We meet during term time and have fun! All welcome. Ffi: Lew on 552173. Email: Lewisbell1@aol.com
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- 19.30 **Short Mat Bowls** in the Durbeville Hall, Wool. All standards welcome, till 9.30pm. Ffi: 552682
- 19.30 **Purbeck Arts Choir** meet for rehearsals, with conductor Jay Buckle, at St Mary's School, Northbrook Road, Swanage. Sept-May. All welcome. For more information please phone Liz Roberts 01929 481419
- 19.30 **Swanage Youth Club** Youth Action (year 7 - sixth form). Till 9.30pm
- 20.00 **Herston Hall OAP Committee Bingo** Sw
- EVERY FRIDAY**
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- 09.30 **Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Group**. Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Term time only. Until 11.30am. Ffi: Alex on 07904 412067.
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- 14.30 **Short Mat Bowls** at Durbeville Hall, Wool. Till 4.30pm. All standards welcome. Ffi: 552682.
- 18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 8.30pm.
- 18.00 **Purbeck War-Game & Model Club**. Royal British Legion, Sw. 426096.
- 18.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club** 12-13 (Yr 7-9) Till 8
- 18.30 **Sw Bridge Club** Mowlem Community Room. 421840
- 19.00 **Sw Youth Centre Seniors Club Night** (Yr 9+) Till 9.30pm.
- 19.30 **Short tennis for adults** at Swanage Football Club. All welcome. Equipment supplied. Till 9.30pm. £3.
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre Live Bands** (as advertised) Till 10pm.
- 22.00 **Sw Youth Centre Late Session** (Yr 9+) till 11.59pm (members free)
- EVERY SATURDAY**
- 08.00 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Mowlem, Sw. 4/5 mile run.
- 09.00 **Sw CC U11 - U15** Practice till 10.30
- 09.30 **Sw CC U9 & U10** Practice & Kwik Cricket till 10.30
- 10.00 **Tea, coffee and home-made cakes** in the Parish Hall on Wareham Quay during the Community Market. Til 2pm. Bric-a-Brac stall weekly. Christian bookstall most weeks. All welcome for a warm-up and a friendly chat.
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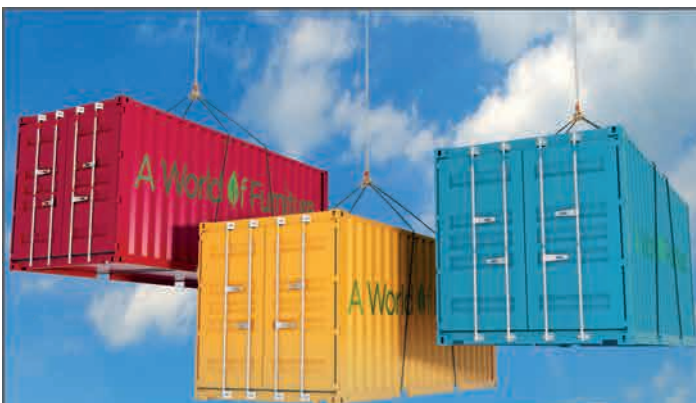
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